

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
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ANDY SMITH AND KIM KYLLO, PASTORS
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 19, 2023

PRELUDE: *"Jesus, I will Ponder Now"* J.S. Bach
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Lord" arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. God of all mercy... and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C. **Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for personal confession of your sins.

C. **Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us...and of the Holy Spirit.
C. **Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C. **And also with you**

GATHERING SONG: *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*ELW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



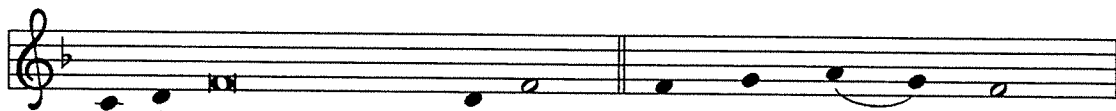
calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

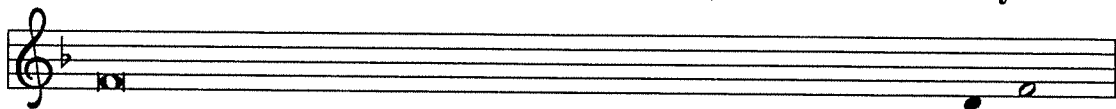
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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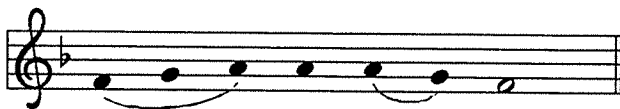
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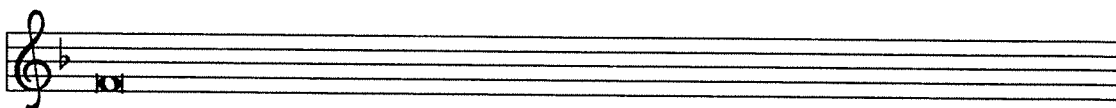
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



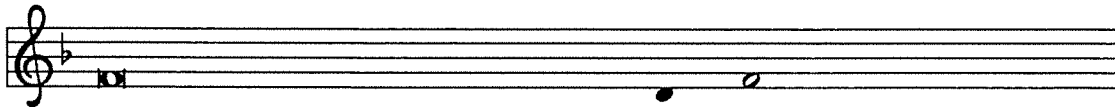
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



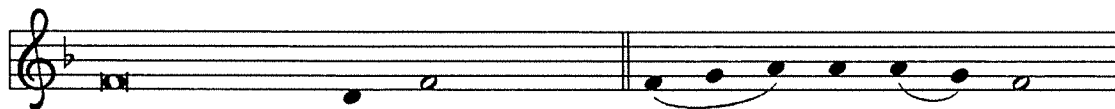
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

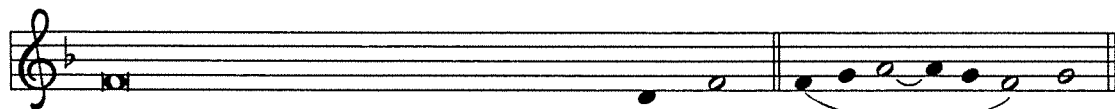


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray together:

C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-23

P: A Reading from the Gospel of John

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered,

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Day by Day"* (8:15)arr. Bradley Ellingboe
Chancel Choir

"God Made, God Sent, God Give" (10:30)..... Candace Sutter
JAM Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Amanda Boe

A CONTINUATION OF THE GOSPEL READING: John 9:24-41

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

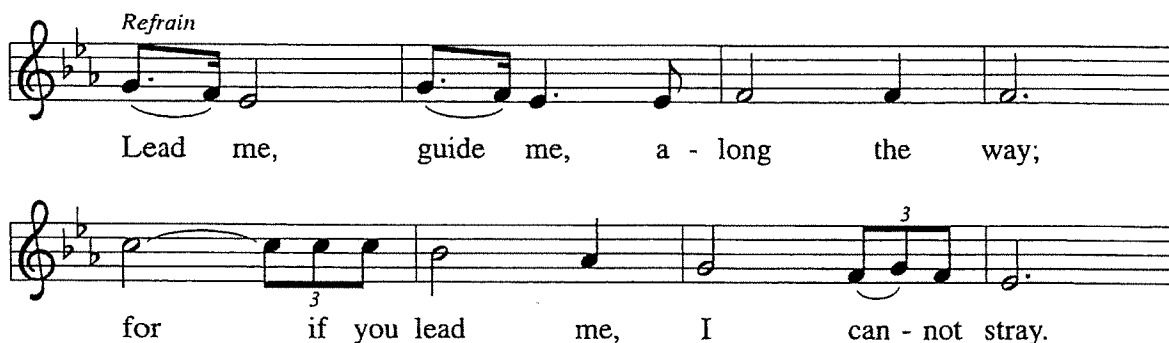
³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

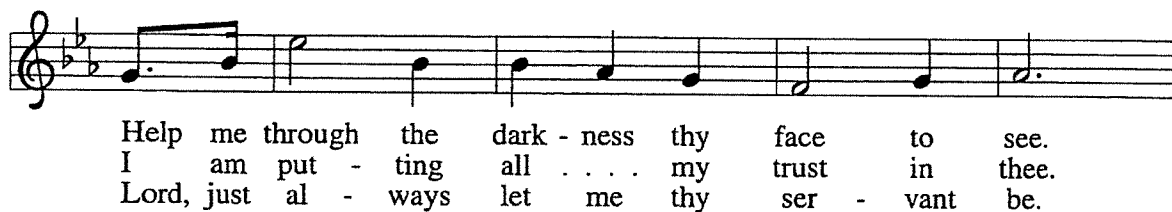
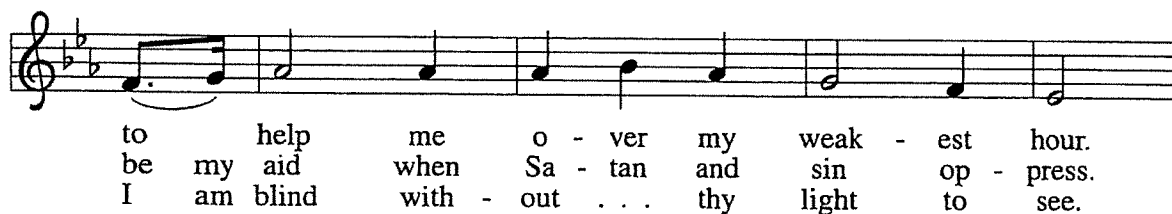
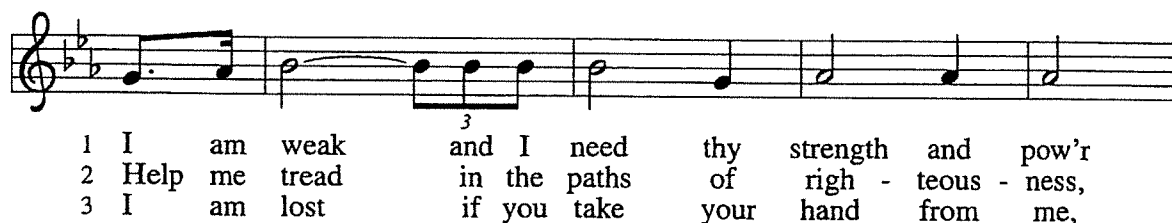
P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON "Seeing Beyond Sin" Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lead Me, Guide Me" ELW 768





Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

Music: Doris Akers

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

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OFFERING MUSIC "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"arr. Paul Manz

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OFFERTORY: "Create In Me"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.

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 each staff. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12

Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" ELW 520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSE JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"ELW 814
(Repeated Freely)

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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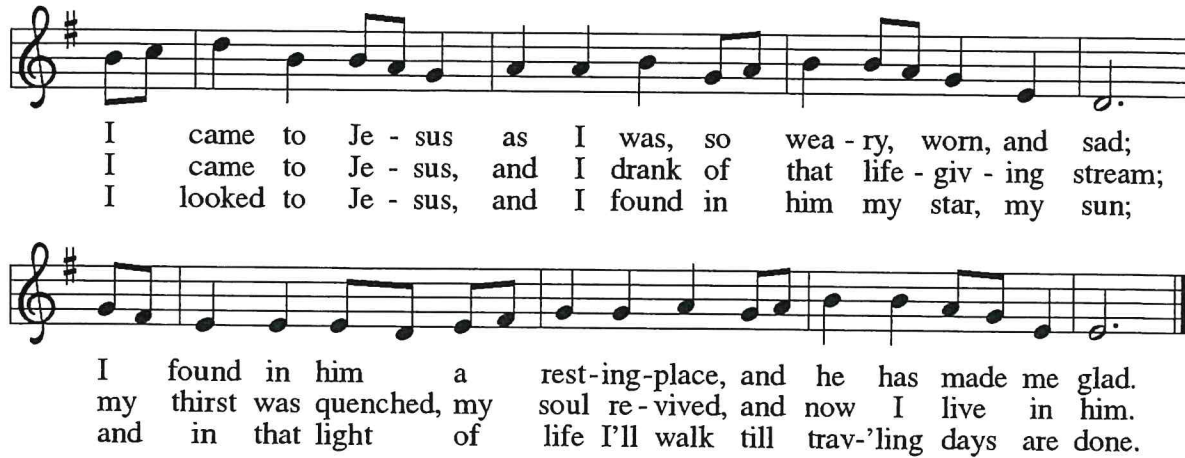
BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"ELW 611

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

The musical score is written for a single staff in treble clef, in a key with one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the staff.



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
 I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God, We Will

POSTLUDE: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image".....arr. David Cherwien

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Lent 2023: "The Darkness is Not Dark to You" Psalm 139:12a

March 22 - "When Lament is Liberation"

March 29 - "When Discernment Persists into Blessing"

Wednesday Lent Schedule:

5:30 - 6:30—JAM Choir & Middle School Choir

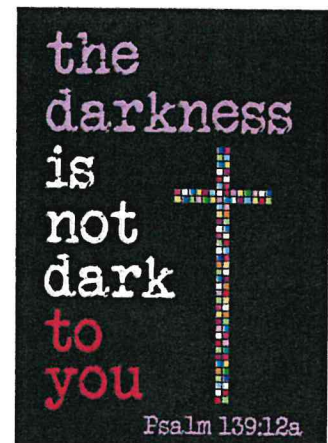
5:30 - 6:30—Soup Supper

6:30 - 7:15—Lenten Worship Service

7:15 - 8:00—Lenten Mentors/Affirm

7:30 - 8:45—Chancel Choir

Livestreamed each week/Nursery open from 5:30-7:15



Announcements:

1. **Adult Christian Education (ACE)**

Adult Christian Education (ACE) meets every Sunday between worship services in the sanctuary; weekly ACE sessions will also be available via livestream.

Our schedule for today is: Part 2 of 3: **Faith & Mental Health** with Rev. Emmy Kegler

2. The **Lenten Devotional** "*Water and Spirit*" is available in the Narthex for anyone to pick up. These are a gift from a fellow member and are available on a first come, first served basis. Get yours today.

3. Pick up your Lenten Banks today. The Lenten Bank Project directly supports the work of providing clean water to the people of Muhanga Tanzania. Banks are due back to the church by Easter Sunday.

4. **Adult Bible Study**

What: Adult Bible study utilizing ELCA Book of Faith materials on the Gospel of Matthew

Why: The Gospel of Matthew is our gospel focus in church for 2023

When: One last session, tomorrow March 20

Where: On any given week, you can participate here at St. John's or online via a Zoom link that will be published each week

Cost: Free; materials will be given/sent to you as part of St. John's ongoing ministry

Register: Sign-up sheet in narthex or call church office.

5. **GriefShare Small Group**

"*GriefShare*" is a weekly video and conversation seminar designed to provide support, understanding, and practical tools for coping with grief. We know it hurts, and we're here to help. Sign up online or by calling the church office. Childcare may be available, upon request; please indicate your need when you sign up.

Facilitators: Lisa Horn & Pastor Kim Kylo

Meets: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm from February 7 - April 4 (9 weeks)

Where: St. John's

6. **More than Just Lunch Small Group**

Join us for a trip to the Bachman's Idea House in Richfield

Facilitator: Ginger Gustafson

When: March 21, meet at church at 9:45am with tour starting at 10:30.

Please sign up, as soon as, possible in the Narthex or by calling the church office and leave your \$5.00 in the church office to insure our spot at 10:30.

The cost to attend is \$5.00 with a portion of that going to Minnesota Children's Hospital. After our tour of the house, we will have lunch at Patrick's which is located inside Bachman's.

7. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
 Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
 Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
 Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am

8. **Mary Circle Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next April 4**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

9. **Hannah Circle Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets: 1st Wednesdays of every month at 9:30 am; **Meets next April 5th**
Where: St. John's

10. **Parenting Littles Small Group**
 Tend to your own spiritual and emotional wellbeing, gathering with other parents of littles to share joys, struggles, best-practices, and support one another in this unpredictable yet beautiful task of raising children with faith and for faith.
Co-Facilitators: Amanda Boe & Pastor Kim Kylo
When: 2nd Sunday of each month during Sunday School; **meets next April 16**

11. **"Empty Nest" Small Group**
 "An empty nest does NOT mean an empty life" A place of discussion, support and friendship for everyone thinking about the empty nest phase of life.
Co-Facilitators: Dan & Elisa Brown
When: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm-8pm; **meets next April 13**

12. **Base Camp: Rescheduled for Today** from 1:00pm to 3:30pm
Event Address: Northern Star Base Camp, 6202 Bloomington Road, Fort Snelling MN.

 Our 5th-9th grades will be going to Northern Star Base Camp. This team building experience is a lot of fun but will also challenge our St. John's youth to try some new camp experiences in the safety of a unique indoor setting. It truly is a one-of-a-kind interactive experience! Located at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, our youth will have opportunities for team building, rock climbing, rope courses, and archery. Friends are welcome, parents and siblings over 21 are encouraged to sign up as chaperones!

13. **Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills**
 Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome! Once/month, 2:00-3:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month, **March 23**.

14. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
 If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)

Meets: Once/month, 3:30-4:30 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month we meet next on March 23.

Where: Highview Hills

15. **Spiritual Practices Small Group**

Encounter, practice, and reflect together with others on a variety of spiritual practices, including forgiveness, contemplative prayer, sabbath, gratitude, deep listening, and more.

Facilitator: Pastor Kim Kylo

Meets: the last Friday of every month from 12-1 pm; **March 24.**



16. **Affirm Worship Photograms:** Scan the QR code to submit your worship photogram.



17. Easter Flower orders are due March 22. Here is the link to the online order form, or you can order with the form below.

Easter Flower Order form			
	Price Per Plant	Quantity	Name:
6" Easter Lily	\$11.00		
10" Pansy Bowl	\$17.00		
6" Orange Asiatic Lily	\$13.00		
6" Pink Asiatic Lily	\$13.00		Method of Payment:
6" Pink Azalea	\$25.00		Phone Number:
6" Pink/White bi-color Azalea	\$25.00		
6" Tulip - Yellow	\$11.00		
6" Tulip - Pink	\$11.00		Email:
6" Mum - Purple	\$13.00		In Honor of/In Memory of:
6" Mum - White	\$13.00		
TOTAL DUE:			
Note: Sizes listed are the size of the pots			
<i>Final day to place an order is Wednesday, March 22</i>			
<i>All orders must be paid at the time of ordering.</i>			
Payment to St. John's via check or Tithe.ly			



March is Food Share Month

St. John's is thinking of those who are in need of food and other daily needs, especially during these difficult days. This is a way that we can "Follow His Footsteps" and assist others when we're thinking, "What else can I do to be of help to someone in need?" Give to the food shelf! Each week during March we will focus on one of these items:

Sunday, March 19th - Dinner items

Sunday, March 26th - Personal Care and Household items

****As always monetary donations are gratefully accepted****

Thank you, St. John's members! These donations will be delivered to Open Door. Together we can make a difference in the lives of others!

Those serving today:

Organist.....Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Perry Fuerniss (8:15), Susan Pastika (10:30)
Communion Set Up Laurie Barth
Communion Servers Perry Fuerniss, Lowell Grimm, Jim Buckley (8:15)
Jeanne Hartwig, (10:30)
Usher team leaderJeff Larson (8:15), Andy Schultz (10:30)
Junior Ushers(8:15), (10:30)
Acolyte Ben Beukelman (8:15), (10:30)
Crucifer..... (8:15), (10:30)
Sound TechJim Sulzbach(8:15), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker Team Nancy Martin (8:15), Grant Meyer (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso, Mikael Petersen (8:15)
Worship Coordinator..... (8:15), Don Alberts (10:30)

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