

Gathering of the People

A warm welcome to all guests and members. We pray this time of worship will be one in which you experience God's love and peace.

THE PRELUDE

THE CHURCH BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME... CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Call To Worship

L: Let us who continue this holy journey of Lent come together this day to follow our Lord to the garden.

P: The Lord is our salvation, our strength, and our rock against the storms and evil of the world.

L: The Lord has walked beside us all the days of our lives.

P: Even during our most trying times, He is with us!

L: So let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving to our holy and beloved Lord!

P: Praise be to Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* #291 UMC & #208 St. J.

*Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, You have blessed us with Your strength and salvation and You walk with us every day of our lives. Give us the courage to journey with You to the garden this day, remembering the suffering You experienced there. Continue to be with us as we journey through this season of Lent with You. Thank You, holy Lord! In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-5

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:39-46

Children's Message

Message: "Places of the Passion--The Garden of Gethsemane"

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* #290 UMC & #196 St. J.

Offertory

*Doxology #95 UMC & #46 St. J.

*Offertory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: *In The Garden* #314 UMC & #227 St. J.

*Benediction:

Holy Spirit, as we leave this sacred place today, may we continue to witness the places of the passion. Go with us, God, and be present in our lives this week. May we be instruments of Your love and peace through the grace that You have blessed us with, holy Lord. Bless us, guide us, and love us always, Holy Lord, as we go now to love and serve our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

Our Shared Ministry

NUMC

Organist

Craig Keller

Flute

Jennifer Bailey

St. John's:

Organist

Craig Keller

Greeter

Keith and Kim Keller

Pastor Gary's office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at St. John's UCC from 8:30-12noon with visits in the afternoon and Wednesdays at Nerstrand UMC from 1pm-5pm (to allow him to be at WW) with visits in the morning.

Please direct all prayer chain requests to Becky Tatge (507) 210-1214 or Mary Kindseth 507-789-687

Please send **bulletin (deadline-9am Thurs)** and **newsletter (deadline- 20th of month)** information to: st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com (Lynn Hirschey will be monitoring this email). Phone number 507-330-1831. Notes in the mail are also welcome if you prefer.

Announcements

Sunday, March 8

9am-N

10:30am-SJ

No Sunday school on March 8

St. John's Council meeting at 11:30am

Mon. March 9

Community Men's choir rehearsal at SJ-7pm

Wed., March 11

Wed. Wear-N-1-5

Bible study-NUMC-5pm

St. John's UCC, 7pm, we will be serving a loaded baked potato bar with all your favorite toppings.

Fri., March 13

Pastor Day Off

Sat., March 14

WW 9am-noon-N

SSQ-9-3 SJ

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., March 16-Community Men's choir rehearsal at Grace-7pm

Wednesday, March 18th--Coffee and Conversation at 10am at the Nerstrand UMC.

Lenten Bible study 5pm at the Nerstrand UMC

Mon., March 23-Community Men's choir rehearsal at Kenyon UMC-7pm

Wed., March 25th Lenten Bible study 5pm at the Nerstrand UMC

Wednesday, April 8th,--The Nerstrand UMC Ad. Board meeting, at 11am.

Sunday, March 22 Rehearsal for Last Supper Drama at St. John's-7pm

Sunday, March 29 Last Supper Drama at St. John's -8pm

Mid-Week Lenten Services:

Wednesday, March 18th-Grace Lutheran Church, 7pm. meal before the service (6pm).

Wednesday, March 25th -Kenyon UMC, 7pm. refreshments following the service.

-- The Combined Maundy Thursday Service - Nerstrand UMC on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7pm. The Combined Good Friday Service - St. John's UCC on Friday, April 3rd, at 7pm.

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Sunday, March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent
Nerstrand UMC-9am
St. John's UCC 10:30am

God is still speaking!

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