



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD — EASTER DAY

APRIL 1, 2018

8:00, 9:30, AND 11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting on this Easter morning!

We are grateful to share this time of worship with you!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

Please pass them down to the center and then back so you can greet those worshipping around you. Ushers will gather these following worship.

*An * invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

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.

*For our youngest worshippers,
nursery care is available on the lower level for children under 5.
You may choose to take them there after the Children's Message
and return with them for Holy Communion.*

ALLELUIA – OUR WORSHIP TODAY – ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

Our worship today is filled with Alleluias. Absent during Lent, this word, this shout of praise returns, and we will see it return, sing it, say it, read it, hear it many times today and all through the season of Easter. Down through the ages and across the world this unique expression of praise to God has united believers. It doesn't need translation, it exists in every language, means the same thing in every language.

Today we will sing our alleluias in many ways, reminding us that the good news of Easter belongs to everyone of every time and place. No matter the geographic origins, we are united in our joy and praise as we celebrate the great, good news that Christ lives, he is risen from the dead,...

...and because he lives, the bonds of death have been broken, shattered for all time.

So don't be bashful, sing out, shout out your alleluias as we worship on this most significant day in our church calendar. The day God's grace and love for us is most directly affirmed. And, perhaps, think the word silently; think the word thoughtfully. There is a place for quiet Alleluias as well. The miracle of Easter is indeed just that—something we cannot rationally comprehend, something that transcends our human ability to understand, something that needs quiet meditation as well as joyful response. May today's worship provide both.

*Alleluia! Christ **Is** Risen!*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — on EASTER HYMN (ELW 365)

John Ferguson

(8:00 & 9:30) **Easter Introit**

“Sound Forth the Trumpet in Zion”

Thomas Morley, 1597

*Sound forth the trumpet in Zion,
and be joyful, ye righteous.
Such praise is fitting,
for the upright.*

*For the word of the Lord is right,
and all his works are done in truth.*

Alleluia!

St. John's Chorale

Please stand at the sound of the trumpets and face the entrance.

***Processional Hymn** — No. 365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Stanzas 2 & 3 may be sung in harmony.

***Greeting and Dialogue**

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.

P Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.

C God's mercy endures forever.

P Let all God's people now declare

C God's mercy endures forever!

P The LORD is my strength and my song

C And has become my salvation.

P I shall not die but live.

C And declare the works of the LORD.

Anthem

(9:30) "We Welcome Glad Easter"

arr. Michael Bedford

We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose, and won a great victory over his foes. Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your king. We tell how the women came early that day, and there at the tomb found the stone rolled away. Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.

We sing of the angel, who said, "Do Not fear! Your Savior is risen, and he is not here." Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King. We think of the promise which Jesus did give: "That he who believes in me also shall live!" Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing, bring glad Easter praise to Jesus, your king.

Alleluia, Jubilate, and Laudate Choirs

*Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☛ Amen.

*Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" stanza 1

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible, page 568

After the reading:

☞ The word of the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

*Gospel Procession

(8:00 & 9:30) “Alleluia! Glorious Word!”

arr. Carolyn Jennings

(The anthem was composed for the St. John’s Chorale in 1987)

(11:00) “Fanfare on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET”

David Sims

Please turn to face the gospel reading in the center aisle.

*Gospel — John 20:1-18

Spark Story Bible, page 482; Pew Bible, page 882

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Gospel Procession — “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec-on-ciled is God, my Lord; the gates of heav'n are o - pen.

My Je - sus rose tri - um - phant - ly, and Sa-tan's ar-rows bro-ken lie, de-stroyed hell's fierc-est weap-on.

Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic-to-rious, ris-ing glo-rious, life is giv-ing. He was dead, but now is liv-ing!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742-1824; tr. George T Rygh, 1860-1942, alt.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 867

“In Thee Is Gladness”

***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

after each petition:

- Ⓔ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☩ hear our prayer.

***Peace**

- Ⓔ The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- ☩ And also with you.
You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering of Our Gifts

Anthems at the Offering:

(8:00 & 9:30) "Awake, My Heart"

Carolyn Jennings

*Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;
now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.
For Christ again is free! Oh, praise the victory!
My Savior, strong to save, has triumphed o'er the grave.

Now evil cannot harm me, its power has been defied;
and death cannot alarm me, for Christ is at my side.
Beyond this mortal life, beyond all earthly strife,
my Savior leads the way to realms of day, endless day.

This is a sight that gladdens—what peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take
the hope that God's own Son in love for me has won.

Awake, my heart, with gladness the Savior now proclaim.
Away with gloom and sadness! Extol the Savior's name.
For love so full and free, my Savior's gift to me,
awake, my heart and sing! Let praises ring!*

St. John's Chorale

(11:00) "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Wayne L. Wold

***Offering Hymn** — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds," stanza 4 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

**Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***Offering Prayer**

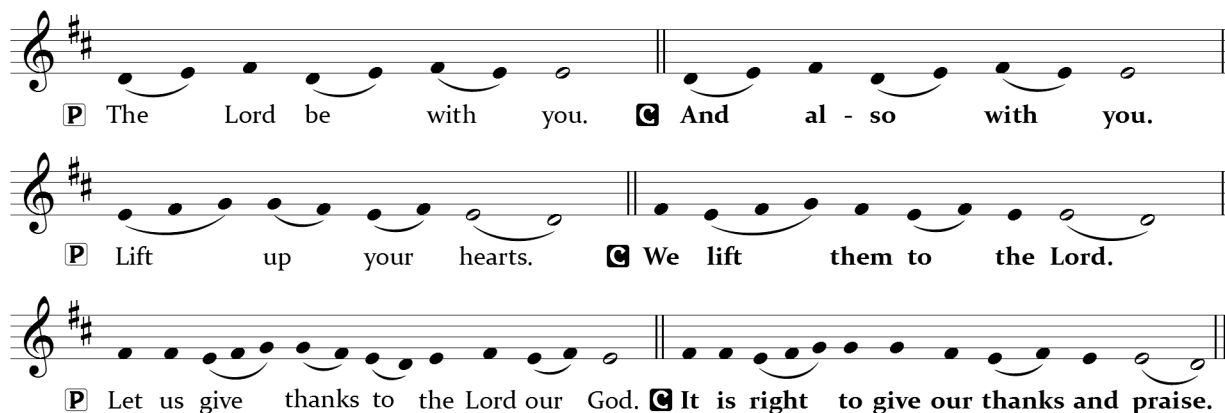
☞ Let us pray.

☞ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth.

**Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new
life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you
and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



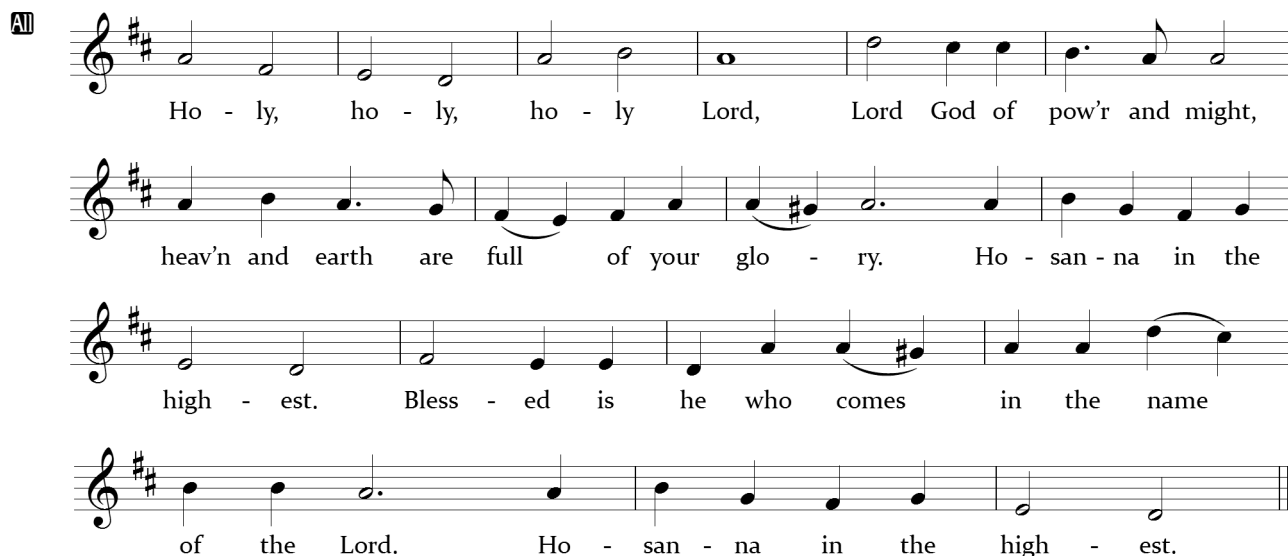
Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff has two measures: the first measure contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' and the second measure contains 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Four staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff begins with an 'All' symbol. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.'

All Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

- P** O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise...
- P** Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
- C** Amen.
- P** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
- C** Amen.
- P** Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
- C** Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

A 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.

Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper, and that in this meal our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

*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"



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, grant us peace.

(8:00 & 9:30) **Anthem** — "Hymn of Promise"

arr. John Ferguson

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity, in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.

-Natalie Sleeth

St. John's Chorale

Hymn — No. 384

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Hymn — No. 373

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

AD In the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection
you send light in the darkness,
water to give new life,
and bread to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to the resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn — “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”**

HYMN TO JOY

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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*Dismissal

- ℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☩ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- ℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — on HYMN TO JOY

Albert Travis



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	(8:00) Judy Cederberg (9:30) Arielle Loy (11:00) Oden Hoff
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:00 & 9:30) St. John's Chorale; Nathan Proctor, director (9:30) Alleluia Choir; Carol Benson, director Jubilate Choir; Carol Benson, director Laudate Choir; Nathan Proctor, director
Piano	(8:00 and 9:30) Marcia Yernberg
Brass	Olav Serres and Bex Shuholm; trumpet Neil Hutcheon and Fletcher Coolidge, trombone Delany Breen, horn
Handbells	(8:00 & 9:30) Jane Rinehart, Joan Koester, Patsy Ophaug, Carrie Melby
Acolytes	(8:00) Bailey Sauve, Johann Schroeer (9:30) Ava Little, Ethan Little (11:00) Benjamin Blomberg, Jackson Blomberg
Communion Service	(8:00) Judy Smith, (9:30) Marilyn Calcutt, (11:00) Darlene Hand
Communion Servers	(8:00) Evelyn Hoover, Barb Eaves, Kristin Partlo, Marilyn Calcutt, Judy Cederberg, Mary Ellen North, Marie Benson, Jerry Kipp (9:30) Howard and Julie Thorsheim, Dave and Ruthie Neuger & Family, Arielle Loy (11:00) Bruce Blomberg, Eva Posfay, Andrea Hoff, Elsa Hoff, Oden Hoff
Greeters/Welcome Desk	(8:00) Luther and Bonnie Peterson, Craig Schultz (9:30) Jon and Cindy McBroom, Debby Becker, Jane Rinehart (11:00) Grit Youngquist and Jon Kerr
Nursery	(8:00) Julie Brehmer, (9:30) Amy McBroom, (11:00) Emily Westerback
Counters	Sue Brockman, Jim Enestvedt, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:00) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (9:30) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams (11:00) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

2018 Easter Flowers

Given in memory of:

Sawyer Garlie *by Matt, Leah, Clayton and Rhett Garlie*
My mother Donafae Anderson *by Bonnie and Luther Peterson*
Leonard Anderson *by Phil and Barb Eaves*
Ruth Ferguson *by John Ferguson*
Chuck Jacobson *by Marilyn Jacobson*
Kenneth Jennings *by Carolyn Jennings and Family*
Our parents: Doris & Orv Marks and Marie & Leonard DeWolfe *by Alan and Lynette Marks*
Our parents Wayne & Ila Mae Christensen and Don & Lorene Hastings *by Rodney and Deborah Christensen*
Our parents *by Jon and Jeanette Rondestvedt*
My brother Harold and parents Louis & Lucille Vang *by Kathy Vang*
Siri Thompson Raskob and David James *by Jim, Marnie and Liv Thompson*
Annalee Larson *by Kathy Mellstrom*
Beloved Grandparents and Kenneth & Patricia Conrad *by Kristy Harms*
Siri Thompson Raskob *by David and Cheryl Buck*
My mother Arlene Graham *by Patsy Ophaug and Family*
Steve Edwins *by Jennifer Edwins*
Our parents: Carl & Val Norman and F.L. & Merdeen Flom *by Greg Norman and Bonnie Jean Flom*
My brother Randy Pearson *by Andrea and Bryan Hoff*
Ed Youngquist *by Rose Youngquist and Family*
Loring and Suzanne Knecht *by Leif and Debora Knecht*
Deaun Peterson *by Paul Peterson*
Our mothers: Elna Larson and Margaret Yernberg *by Marcia and Ralph Yernberg*
Jessie & Leonard Nelson, Carol & Emery Peterson, Rita & Russ Baker *by Peter and Jane Becker Nelson*
Our fathers: John A. Schoen and Gage Colby *by Carol Schoen and Greg Colby*
My parents Con F. & Edith Carlson Shea *by Kathy Shea*
The Kordewich Family *by Wil Brosz and Family*
My mother Eleonore Scholz *by Bob and Cora Scholz*
Ruth Ferguson and Alice Hanson *by Nathan Proctor*

Given in honor of:

Our children Zachary and Elizabeth *by Sue Brockman and Brian Evenson*
Our children Nicholas, Gregory and Jeanette *by Zack and Jenny Pelletier*
Duane and Marlene Engstrom *by Christine Engstrom*
My sisters and aunt - Mary, Lana, and Margaret *by Kathy Vang*
Judith Stoutland *by Duane and Marlene Engstrom*
St. John's Chorale *by Nathan Proctor*

Given with grateful hearts and in celebration of Easter:

David and Debby Becker
Terry and Peggy Dell
Herb and Pat Fick
Judy Karlson
Suzanne Pfau
Otto and LaVerne Reitz
Bernie and Sue Renander
Laurie Upton



Welcome Statement

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.*

Announcements

Today between services in St. John's Hall: Easter Breakfast! Come and enjoy a delicious meal of egg bake, fruit, muffins, juice, and coffee. Cost: \$6 / \$24 Family. All proceeds go towards youth summer camps and programs.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Sharon Bishop in memory of her parents. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office by phone. Help us keep this ministry alive and sponsor a broadcast! Dates available: May 20 & 27 and June 3, 10, & 17. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV) – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Wednesday Night Meals

Let's get together for dinner - come share a meal! It's a fantastic time for fellowship for all ages. Supper is served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall. This Wednesday, April 4, we will be having lasagna. All are welcome!

Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), Confirmation (Grades 6-9), and High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12) resume this Wednesday, April 4. See you there!

Prayer Buddies Get-Together

During the Lenten season, 4th and 5th grade Catechism kids were paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their "Prayer Buddy." Prayer Buddies were asked to pray for their child from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. **This Wednesday, April 4**, we will have an informal get-together during our regular Wednesday night meal at 5:30 p.m. (meet in the Fireside Room) for Prayer Buddies and their child/family to eat together and share their experience. Thank you for being a part of Prayer Buddies.

CORRECTION - Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Speaker Date

Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Disregard the date posted in The Voice. Please change your calendars to reflect Thursday, April 5, as the correct date for Michael Johnson's visit to St. John's. Come discover where and how all our quilts, kits, and donations are being sent and used. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Women of St. John's and the Adult Ministry & Education Board.

St. John's Forum: Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, April 8, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Fifty years ago, on April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. In recognition of this devastating event for our country and the Civil Rights Movement, and as we continue to need greater discussions around race and racism still today, we will gather in St. John's Hall to hear and reflect on portions of Dr. King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*.

Announcements (continued)

Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5) and Sunday Life Group (Grades 6-12) resume next Sunday, April 8.
See you there!

Interfaith Field Trip to St. George Greek Orthodox Church Friday, April 6, 5:45 p.m., Meet at St. John's

Each year as part of our confirmation program, students have an interfaith or ecumenical experience to help them understand their neighbor's faith as well as their own. In 2016 we visited a synagogue; in 2017 we spent a day learning about our Muslim neighbors; this year we will visit St. George's Orthodox Church in St. Paul as they celebrate their Good Friday. The Orthodox calendar does not always align with ours. In 2018, Orthodox Holy Week and Easter fall one week after we celebrate Easter.

We will carpool from Northfield on Friday evening April 6 to experience the Orthodox Good Friday liturgy - a sensory liturgical experience quite different from our own. Members of all ages are welcome to come along, but middle school students and their parents are especially invited to come. Contact one of the pastors or Angie Gehring if you plan to come with us.

Laura Baker Services - St. John's Creative Arts Group Wednesday, April 11, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Undercroft

Something new is beginning this spring: a creative arts group with members of Laura Baker Services. The first activity is a drumming group beginning on Wednesday, April 11. Jenny Solar, a music therapist, will lead the group. The goal is to develop friendships with LBSA members. This is the first of the 150th Anniversary Benevolence Projects. It is the most relationship oriented. It invites us to try something new, and make a new friend. You are encouraged to reach out, crack the shy Lutheran shell, and at the same time have fun with music.

Decluttering Home and Heart, Spring Women's Retreat Saturday, April 21, 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Ruth's On Stafford

As women of St. John's, you are invited to a spring retreat. We are delighted to have speakers guide us as we delve into decluttering both physically and spiritually. Kate Buckmeier, a specialist in home declutter, will lead the morning session (see more on her website: <http://katebuckmeier.com/>). In the afternoon, Pastor Pam will guide us in clearing space in our hearts to listen to God and deepen our spiritual journey. There will also be time to connect socially with participants, as we discuss our goals and struggles in small groups and visit over a salad lunch and during an afternoon break.

- Registration is on Sundays in March between worship services, and at the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers from 4:50-5:50 p.m. Cost is \$25 (waivers are available on request). Registration is limited to 60. The retreat will be held at Ruth's on Stafford in Dundas, 410 Stafford Lane South. Rides will be provided to those who request, leaving St. John's at 8:30 a.m.

Attention Children and Youth: If you haven't signed up to go to Summer camp - it's not too late!

St. John's gives each camper \$125 towards their camp fees. Go online to www.gllm.org and sign up for Andy's Gang (grades 2-5) or Green Lake (grades 6-8), for the week of June 18-23. Pay only the \$125 deposit when you register.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

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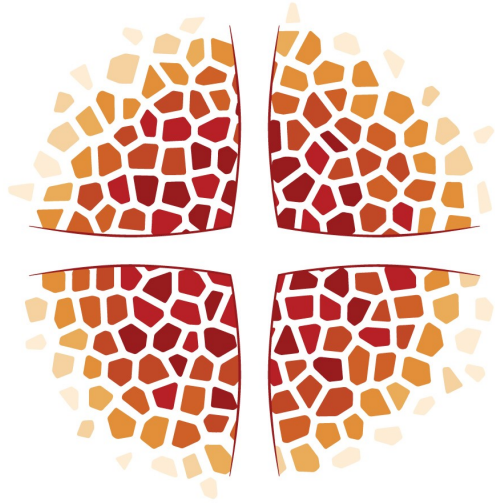
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This Week's Schedule

Sun., April 1		<i>Easter Sunday!</i>
	8:00 a.m.	Worship/Nursery
	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Begins (served until 11:00 a.m.), St. John's Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Nursery
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Nursery
Mon., April 2		<i>Church Office Closed / Building Open During Scheduled Events Only</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Youth In Government, Undercroft
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		Northfield Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tues., April 3	8:30 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
Wed., April 4	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Snack (Grades K-5), St. John's Hall
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
		"DOG" (Grades 3-5), Lower Level
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Kids Club (Grades K-2), Fellowship Hall
		Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
		Homework Café (Grade 5), Resource Room
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Buddy Get Together, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grade 9), Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	High School Youth Group, Youth Room
Thurs., April 5	6:15 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's General Meeting, St. John's Hall
Fri., April 6	8:30 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	5:45 p.m.	Interfaith Field Trip to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, St. Paul
Sat., April 7		<i>No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed</i>
Sun., April 8	8:30 a.m.	Worship/Nursery
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, Commons and St. John's Hall
		Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday School Rooms
		Sunday Life Group (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		St. John's Forum: <i>Honoring Dr. King</i> , St. John's Hall
		Toddler Time, Room 20
	10:45 a.m.	Worship/Nursery



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