

An abstract painting featuring thick, vertical brushstrokes in shades of gold, yellow, and blue. The texture is highly visible, with the paint appearing to be applied with a palette knife or heavy brush. The colors blend and overlap, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall composition is dominated by these vertical strokes, which vary in thickness and intensity of color.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!

During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.

We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.

Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.



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 — “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

John Ferguson

Welcome and Announcements

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*Gathering Hymn — “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (#365)

EASTER HYMN



Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, alt.; Charles Wesley, st. 4; Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*

*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.

*Hymn of Praise — "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" (#373)

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS



"Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, ev - er - last - ing life is this:



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: hail, the res - ur - rec - tion, thou!
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, alt.; Music: Pierre de Corbeil, arr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* © admin, Augsburg Fortress

*Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation — “Alleluia! 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-phantly,
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!

***Gospel — Mark 16:1-8**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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 — “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers” (ACS #938) ST. HELENA

Stanza 1 — Cantor

Stanza 2-4 — All



Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en
Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to
Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who
Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,
love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en
fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion
and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -
bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en
where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what
all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,



brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the world con -
for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose word in -
is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ ends their
Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i - dence of



firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

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***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 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:

"Carol" from *Five Bagatelles*

Gerald Finzi, arr. Robert Gower

*During the offering, you are invited to prepare your table
for communion immediately following the livestream broadcast.
Everyone near and far is invited to join us.*

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

- ☒ Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life: creating a wondrous universe, proclaiming freedom from captivity, becoming the song of your people.
- ☒ **We praise you, O God, for your Word.**

Your Word is made flesh among us:
with Mary in the garden, you call us by name.
With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe.
With sheep of others folds, we are gathered by your voice.
Your Word names our death and our life.

- ☒ **We bless you, O God, for your Word.**

By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things.
Breathe into us your Holy Spirit. Fill us with strength to love,
not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action.
With every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them,
we join in the hymn of all creation:

- ☒ **We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word. Amen.**

*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.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:  Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” (#383)

HYMN TO JOY



Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
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**

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

Postlude — “Fanfare”

Paul Spicer



SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Norrie Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Trumpet	Pastor Jonathan Davis

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Lowell and Eulalie Smestad and Helene Anglin by Ruth, Ronnie, and Lucas Anglin. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV) -cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Courageous Conversations: Race Matters in Education

Thursday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join us as we delve into race matters in Northfield's education system, learn of our successes, and our efforts to integrate and include all children in our community and our classrooms. Guest speakers will be Joel Leer, Principal of Northfield High School, and Nancy Antoine, Principal of Bridgewater Elementary School. To register go to: https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZold-2tpjMsG9dSfooB8nT_GEYSIb5dAnre.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, May 10, 1:00-6:00 p.m.

We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter St. John's Northfield to schedule an appointment.

Ushers Needed

As we plan for in-person worship to resume (after Easter), St. John's is looking for new volunteers on our usher teams. If you are interested in serving, now or later this year, please fill out a survey so we can learn more about your willingness. You can find the survey at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnoarLzkEnww1oRzq6pONdoqNBBtMsmdXd88FbFzLboXp2zQ/viewform>.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Please bring your jars to church on any Tuesday morning from now through the end of April between **9:00 a.m.-noon** when the quilters are meeting in Fellowship Hall. **Enter via door #10 at the corner of Poplar and 3rd.** Jane Rinehart or another quilter will happily take your jar. If you are unable do that, please contact Dodie Mickelsen to make other arrangements (507-645-8101 or gordiedodie@gmail.com). Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project 2021

With a significant gift of \$40,000 provided by St. John's Lutheran Church, Rice County Habitat for Humanity is embarking on its first Faith Build. To sign up to be part of a crew, complete the form found on the website: <https://habitatricecounty.org/>.

2021 Easter Flowers

Given in memory of:

Leonard Anderson *by Phil & Barb Eaves*
Richard Dahlin *by Jo Dahlin and Family*
Steve Edwins *by Jennifer Edwins and Family*
David Halvorson *by Joan Halvorson*
Kenneth Jennings *by Carolyn Jennings and Family*
Edgar Larson *by Helen Larson*
Our Parents *by David and Ruth Legvold*
Robert Matta *by Marilyn Matta*
Robert Matta *by Michele, Nathan, Matthew, Will, Seth and Genevieve Knutson*
Robert D. and Mary Ben Neubecker *by Cynthia Neubecker and Laurie MacKenzie*
Our Parents *by John and Patsy Ophaug*
Mary Pelletier *by the Pelletier Family*
Jon Rondestvedt *by Jeanette Rondestvedt*
Bob Scholz *by Cora Scholz*
Mary White *by Joanne Ninnemann and Marcia Vandesteeg*
Ed Youngquist *by Rose Youngquist and Family*

Given in honor of:

Marlene and Duane Engstrom *by the Engstrom Children*
Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren *by David and Ruth Legvold*
Elinor Niemisto *by the Pelletier Family*

Given with grateful hearts and in celebration of Easter:

Herb and Pat Fick

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

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Susan Rudser

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marlene Engstrom, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Delores Nelson,
Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich

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;
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

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 11):

Second Sunday of Easter

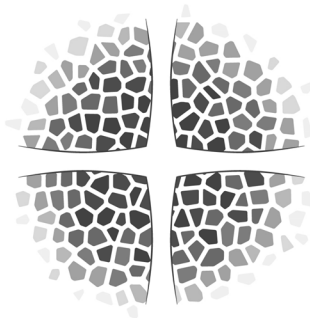
Acts 4:32-35 + Psalm 133 + 1 John 1:1—2:2 + John 20:19-31

This Week At-a-Glance

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

**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (www.kymnradio.net).**

Monday, Apr. 5	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Apr. 6	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
Wednesday, Apr. 7	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation for Grades 6-9 via Zoom
Thursday, Apr. 8	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle Meeting via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations via Zoom
Friday, Apr. 9		No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, Apr. 10		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Apr. 11	9:00 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream
	10:00 a.m.	Virtual Sunday School via Zoom
		Virtual Youth Group via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour via Zoom



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Sally Lindell, Parish Nurse

Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir

Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants

Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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