



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 6, 2025 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

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

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

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

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
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

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

For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*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 — “My Song Is Love Unknown”

arr. Daniel Kallman

Gerald Hoekstra, trumpet

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Front of ELW hymnal, page 94

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 343

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

*Greeting

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

☑ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

☐ Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 126, “When God Restored Our Common Life”

RESIGNATION

Stanza 1 — choir/cantor

Stanzas 2-3 — all singing



When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er - ty,
We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing soil;
Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op - pressed.



at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a wak - ing fan - ta - sy;
with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the fruit of all our toil.
May those who long for what is right with jus - tice now be blest.



a shock of joy swept o - ver us, for we had wept so long;
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong;



the seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
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Second Reading — Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

We are turn - ing, Lord to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and
kind— slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*Gospel — John 12:1-8

Spark Story Bible, page 444

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but be-

cause he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)
7Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my
burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

*Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

*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

(8:30) "My Song Is Love Unknown" from *St. John Passion*

John Ferguson

Jesus, name of wondrous love, name all other names above. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief, was love like thine. This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

- Samuel Crossman

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Elegy"

Rolf Wallin

*Offering Hymn — "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

FRANCKE



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.

*Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray.
- Ⓑ **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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.**
- Ⓐ It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.**

*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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" from *St. John Passion* John Ferguson

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace. Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin does never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears. — Phineas Fletcher

Hymn — ELW No. 802

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☐ Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☑ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 803

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

***Dismissal**

- ☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☑ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott”

Dietrich Buxtehude



Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 13):

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a † Psalm 31:9-16 † Philippians 2:5-11 † Luke 23:1-49

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Arielle Loy and Anders Loy (10:45) Jenny Wright
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Trumpet	Gerald Hoekstra
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters	(8:30) Craig Schultz (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Karl Hella, Bob and Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Jim and Judy Cederberg, Ted and Tricia Peterson, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Sue Brockman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Doug Johnson, Rick Hillard, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Chuck Cannon, Jon and Alison Kavanaugh, Gordon Moore

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 6)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Sunday Youth Gathering (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Lenten Book Read (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room and Undercroft)

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Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Pastor John Quam. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next Available: April 17 (Maundy Thursday) and April 18 (Good Friday).

St. John's Forum: *Immigration Newcomer Welcome—Our Current Reality and the Future*

Today, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Jon Buuck, Director of Development at Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Refugee and Immigration Services), will draw on his border immersion trip at the end of February to describe the current situation at the US southern border.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is underway through today. Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. You are invited to join its efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity. You may use the St. John's special offering envelope for the CAC Food Shelf. Please write your check to St. John's and indicate CAC Food Shelf on the memo line. You can also give online through the St. John's website.

Easter Lilies 2025

If you would like to order an Easter lily to decorate the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one or in celebration of Easter, please complete the paper form available in the Commons, or contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. The cost is \$10.

Annual Spring Church Yard Cleanup

Saturday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.–Noon

The Property & Grounds Board requests your assistance. All are welcome to attend, as many hands make less work! Please bring your own brooms, gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows for spreading mulch, shovels, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are needed. Questions? Contact Dan Hanson at 612-413-2938. Thank you!

Documentary & Discussion: "My Time Comes"

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30–8:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

The Faith & Health Board invites you to participate in viewing and discussing the thought-provoking documentary *My Time Comes* about medical aid in dying. Raymond De Vries will facilitate a discussion following the 55-minute film. Ray is Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan's Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine. He was Professor of Sociology at St. Olaf College from 1988 to 2006.

Announcements (continued)

Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:00–11:00 a.m. in St. John’s Hall

Please join us for the Youth Fundraiser Easter breakfast. Youth will be serving a breakfast of veggie, meat, and gluten-free egg bakes, muffins, fruit, orange juice, milk, and coffee. The proceeds from this breakfast will help decrease the cost of this year’s summer trips. The suggested donation is \$5/individual and \$25/family. The Easter Breakfast is one way we celebrate Easter together as a congregation and welcome those who visit St. John’s on Easter.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

St. John’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 19 starting at 9:30 a.m. Families with kids 5th grade and younger are welcome to hunt. Invite friends and neighbors too! **Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. A donation basket is in the Commons. We fill over 1,700 eggs! Thanks so much.**

Prayer Buddy Get-Together

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Dinner will be provided along with great conversations with your buddies! If you are unable to attend, please let Julie Brehmer know by emailing her at Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Mission Morning

Saturday, April 26, 9:00–11:00 a.m., St. John’s Hall

Enjoy a morning with St. John’s women, beginning with coffee and muffins. Rev. Lisa Kipp, LWR Director of Community Engagement, will update us on how the quilts and kits are used around the world. Then we get to work packing kits, rolling bandages, and assembling quilts for LWR and Global Health Ministries. This event is supported by Thrivent Action Grants and your donations.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: WORDS OF FAITH

*“So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”*

– Isaiah 55:11

The Word of God has an incredible capacity to speak to us again and again, to work on us over time and to speak into different moments of our lives. For this year’s Lenten Wednesdays, our speakers have been asked to tell us about a Bible text, hymn text, or worship experience that has led them deeper into their faith. Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. through April 9.

- April 9: Christine Engstrom

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

Fred Huemoeller, Jo Kleber, Kent Rommereim, Carol Schoen,
Jenn Cohorst, Maralee Sisson (mother of Tamara Jackman)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Virgil Monson (father of Janet and Julie Monson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Billi Faillettaz, Janice Helgeson

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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

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.



**Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, April 9:
Chicken Tortilla Soup
Rosemary Garlic White Bean Soup

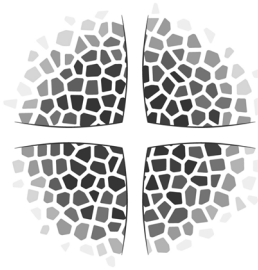
All are welcome!

Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Apr. 7	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room Northfield Girl Scouts Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Apr. 8	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room "Revelation Unveiled" Bible Study via Zoom Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Apr. 9	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:10 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Apr. 10	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Friday, Apr. 11	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 12	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Apr. 13	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship ~ Palm Sunday, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i> Worship ~ Palm Sunday, Sanctuary



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

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*