



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 7, 2019 † 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn 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.

Large print bulletins 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 — “The Peace may be exchanged.” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 791

“We Sing to You, O God”

*Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us, and make us new.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

☑ **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

☐ Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

☑ **Amen.**

*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 things 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

Pew Bible, page 586

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 126

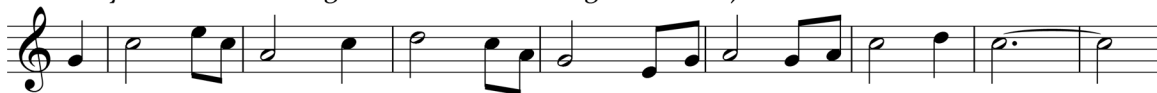
Paraphrase Ruth C. Duck, RESIGNATION



Solo When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er - ty,
All We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing soil;
All 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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After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

KAS DZIEDĀJA

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; Pew Bible, page 874

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 631

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***The Apostles' Creed — Front of the hymnal, page 127**

*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) "My Song Is Love Unknown"

RHOSYMEDRE

*Offering Hymn — "Create in Me"

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

L Let us pray together.

A **Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.**

**Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.**

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

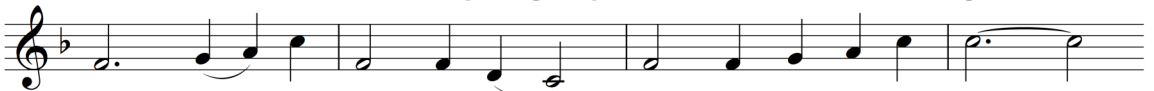
P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.**

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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"

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". Each staff is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are identical and end with a double bar line. The third staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

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 beautiful 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 — No. 685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Let us pray.
- ℣ Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ℣ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — No. 803**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

***Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ℣ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten” BWV 642

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Missy Berger
Acolytes	(8:30) John Tracy, Noah Tracy (10:45) Marshall Nelson, Emmett Norrie
Communion Preparers	Howard and Julie Thorsheim
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Howard and Julie Thorsheim, Kathy Vang (10:45) Terry and Norma Gilbertson
Coffee and Refreshments	Suzanne Pfau, Mike Roth, Bob and Pat Tabery
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Jerry Kipp, David Norman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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

Wednesday, April 10
Swedish Meatball
Baked Potato

All are welcome!

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 7):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

St. John's Forum: *Anti-Judaism, Anti-Semitism, and the Use of the Passion Story in Churches*

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

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (April 14):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

St. John's Forum: *Congregations as Communities of Christian Care* (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 14)



The next event celebrating St. John's 150th anniversary is on **Sunday, April 28.**

At the church services, and during the Forum the contributions to St. John's by liturgical composers, artists, and architects will be highlighted. Through the past 150 years, these composers, artists, and architects have made significant contributions to St. John's, and in many cases the contributions extend far beyond our church walls.

The church service will feature music honoring some of the composers. Displays by the artists and architects will be in St. John's Hall, the Commons, the Fireside Room, and the Library. Between services, Nathan Proctor will speak about the liturgical composers and Judy Swanson will speak about liturgical art and architecture at St. John's. Come, experience our rich and beautiful history!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Allen Swedin by family and friends. 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. Dates available: April 28 and May 12, 19 & 26. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Anti-Judaism, Anti-Semitism, and the Use of the Passion Story in Churches with Michael Gottsegen*

As Holy Week approaches, how do we read and use the central story of the suffering and death of Jesus, with care and compassion for our Jewish siblings in faith? Dr. Michael Gottsegen will speak on *Anti-Judaism, Anti-Semitism, and the Use of the Passion Story in Churches*. He is a professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religion at St. Olaf College.

150th Anniversary *Grace Overflowing* Creative Arts Group

Wednesday, April 10, 5:45-6:30 p.m., St. John's Library

These monthly groups focus on building community through shared art and music experiences. Please join us and support this effort to foster connections between St. John's members and your Laura Baker neighbors. No previous art or music experience required! The next group will be an Art Night to Celebrate Spring! Make art individually and contribute to a collaborative piece! Come willing to meet new people, try something new, and make art together. Invite a friend, bring a family member, and come willing to connect with new people! The group will be led LBSA's Art Specialist, Bridget Novak, and Music Therapist, Jenny Solar.

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.

Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Make sure to bring a basket or bag to collect all the eggs! **Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy and small items to fill the eggs and help hiding eggs the morning of the hunt. Please put donations in the basket in the Commons. Send an email if you can help Saturday morning. Thanks so much!**

Today is the Last Day for Easter Garden Orders

If you would like to order a flowering plant in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of Easter, today is the last day the Chancel Guild will be taking orders. There is an assortment of plants to choose from with different price ranges. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Your plant will be labeled with your name and may be taken home after the last service Easter morning. Today is the last day to place your order.

Announcements (continued)

St. John Passion by John Ferguson

Good Friday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.

The anthems today during the 8:30 a.m. service are part of a larger piece by John Ferguson. The work for choir, organ, and congregation will be shared by the St. John's Chorale during the 6:30 p.m. worship service on Good Friday.

The Southeastern MN Synod will be electing a new bishop at its next assembly May 31-June 1.

In preparation there are opportunities to hear from the seven candidates lifted up at conference assemblies:

- Monday, May 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John's in Waseca
- Tuesday, May 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at United Redeemer in Zumbrota
- Thursday, May 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Zion in Stewartville

Any ELCA member may attend these sessions, and we encourage you to do so!

Call for Volunteers for Holy Week Hospitality: Everyone is welcome to sign up!

Are you planning on attending any of the special services leading up to Easter Sunday? Please sign up online or in the Commons for greeting at the doors, attending the Welcome Desk, preparing, cleaning up, and serving Communion. It's easy to combine the two and be doubly blessed! If you can help, please contact Christy Hall-Holt or Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

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 church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

Children and Youth Ministries

High School Club Meets at Peggy Hanson's

Sunday, April 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Peggy Hanson's Home (205 Elm St.)

Let's get together again after the long winter break! **Come on over!** Enjoy cookies, tea and a fun relaxing afternoon with your peers! Friends are always welcome, too! Peggy will also have quilting materials for those of you who have started making quilts for the homeless.

*If you plan to come, an RSVP is appreciated for planning. Please reply to Angie. If you decide to come last minute, that is ok, too. We don't want you to miss out! Questions? Contact Peggy at 952-210-2358 or peggyjhanson@gmail.com

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

Bob Noreen, Robert Vargas

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Karen Swenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Gloria Porter, Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie

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; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

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 14):

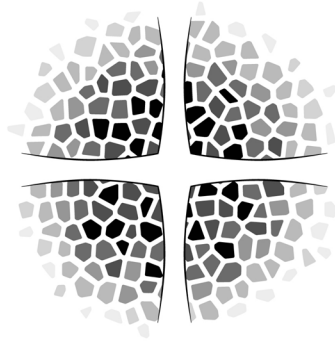
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a † Philipians 2:5-11 † Mark 11:1-11

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., April 8	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Committee Workshop Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
Tue., April 9	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite 150th Steering Committee, Fireside Room Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., April 10	10:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Bible Study, St. John's Hall Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft/ Grade 5 - Room 20 Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Creative Arts Group, St. John's Library Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, April 11	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, April 12	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, April 13	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, April 14	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery



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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Rings*

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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.