



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 8, 2018 † 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** — *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano*  
II. “Adagio, molto cantabile”

Karl Pilss

*John Cloeter, trumpet*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 389 “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

*Stanza 1 — all*

*Stanza 2 — treble voices*

*Stanza 3 — bass voices*

*Stanzas 4 & 5 — all*

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- ☐ For these waters of life,
- ☑ **We give you thanks, O God.**

## \*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.**

## \*Canticle of Praise — “This is the Feast”

*Liturgy Setting Four — Front of hymnal, page 149*

## \*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection.  
By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection  
in all that we say and do, through 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** — Acts 4:32-35

Pew Bible, page 888

*After the reading:*

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

## Psalm 133

*Sung by the cantors.*

- <sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- | ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!
- <sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.
- <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

**Second Reading** — 1 John 1:1-2:2

Pew Bible, page 989

*After the reading:*

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

\***Gospel** — John 20:19-31

Spark Story Bible, page 492; Pew Bible, page 883

*Before the reading:*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 390

“The Risen Christ”

\***The Nicene Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 104*

\***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:

“Peace I Leave with You”

Walter Pelz

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth  
give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid.*

—John 14:27

*St. John’s Church Music Interns*

**\*Offering Hymn** — “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds,” *stanza 1* LASST UNS

**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!**

**\*Offering Prayer**

**L** Let us pray together.

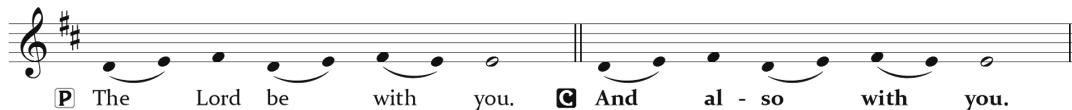
**All** Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
as you were made known to the disciples.

Receive these gifts, and the offerings of our lives,

that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

## SHARING THE LORD’S SUPPER

**\*Great Thanksgiving**



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

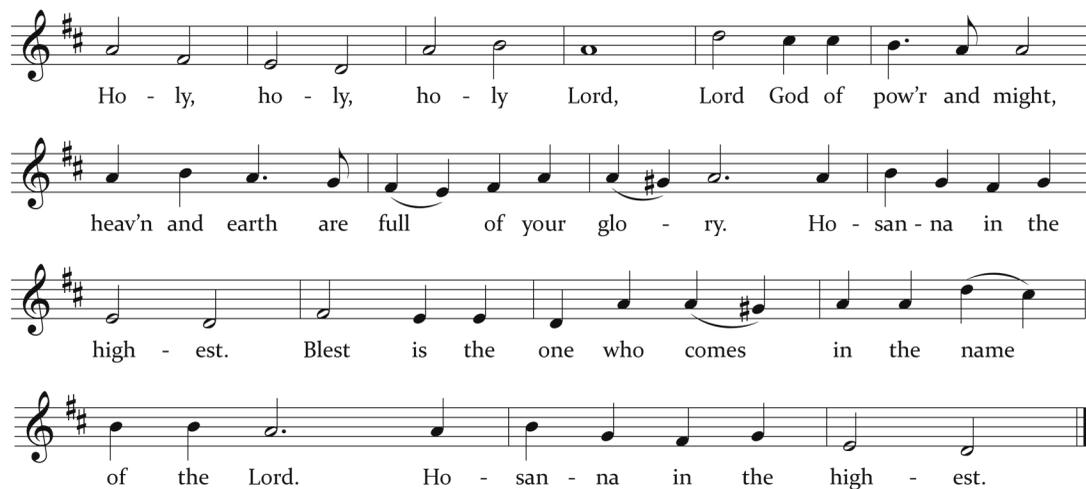


**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Blest is the one 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

**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"

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.

### Anthem — "Gather Gladness from the Skies"

Charles Callahan

*Gather gladness from the skies; take a lesson from the ground; flow'rs do ope their heavenward eyes and a spring time joy have found; henceforth let your souls alway make each morn an Easter Day. Beauty now for ashes wear, perfumes for the garb of woe. Chaplets for disheveled hair, dances for sad footsteps slow; open wide your hearts that they let in joy this Easter Day. Seek God's house in happy throng; crowded let his table be; mingle praises, prayer and song, singing to the Trinity. Henceforth let your souls alway make each morn an Easter Day.*

-Gerard Manley Hopkins

### Hymn — No. 556

"Morning Has Broken"

### \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **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:*

☩ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — No. 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

Healey Willan



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Nick Neeb
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	St. John's Church Music Interns: Kayleigh Shaffer, Kellie Asher, Andy Jacob, David Gindra
Trumpet	John Cloeter
Acolytes	(8:30) Tarkel Price, Vassar Price (10:45) Ainsley Nutt, Mary Rizzo
Communion Preparer	Darlene Hand
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Terry and Norma Gilbertson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Darlene Hand, Howard and Julie Thorsheim (10:45) Norma Gilbertson, Siri Lindell, Howard and Julie Thorsheim
Coffee and Refreshments	Herb Fick, Suzanne Pfau, Bob and Pat Tabery
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Dick Dahlin, Brent Mueller
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, 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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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 15):**

### ***Third Sunday of Easter***

**Acts 3:12-19 † Psalm 4 † 1 John 3:1-7 † Luke 24:36b-48**

# 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*

Andy Nelson

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Jody Harvey, mother of Jennifer Edwins

Family of Peggy Soden, daughter of Duane Kringen

Family of Evelyn Bade, mother of John Bade

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Sally Lindell,

Joe Nesheim, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell,

Joanne Sommers, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Angie Johnson Groth, Carol Stubbs

*All who are homebound, including*

Richard Nelson, Virley Brown, Cliff Gilomen

*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; Randy and Carol Stubbs & Family,

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 Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Learning and Fellowship Between Services

### **This Week (April 8):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons  
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons  
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)  
St. John's Forum: Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)  
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

### **Next Week (April 15):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons  
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)  
St. John's Forum: How Much Do We Need to Know About Jesus? (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Room 19)  
Small Group: Breaking the Shy Lutheran Shell (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

## Announcements

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Don McRae by Marilyn McRae Raadt and family. 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: May 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

### **St. John's Forum**

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

**Today's Topic: *Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

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*.

### **Last Week to Register for Decluttering Home and Heart, Spring Women's Retreat**

If you want to attend the retreat on April 21, please do so by Wednesday, April 11. There is a registration table in the Commons between services today and at the Wednesday Night Meal. Registration is limited to 60, and 3 openings remain. If you have not paid yet, please get your payment in by April 11. Cost is \$25, write checks to St. John's WELCA.

# Announcements (continued)

## **St. John's Creative Arts Group with Laura Baker Services Association**

**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 this coming Wednesday. Jenny Solar, a music therapist, will lead the group. The goal is to develop friendships with LBSA members. This is the first of the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

***\*\*Starting next week Sandi Gerdes will lead a discussion group regarding our 150th anniversary project with Laura Baker Services Association (see page 15 for additional information).***

**All High School Youth are invited to Peggy Hanson's House today from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Address: 205 Elm St., 952-210-2358**

Come for hot cocoa, tea, snacks, games, and fun! Hope you can make it!! Friends are welcome!

## **2 Palestinian Events at St. Olaf**

- The just retired Bishop of Palestine and Jordan will be the speaker for the St. Olaf Chapel service on Monday, April 9, at 10:10 a.m.
- On Wednesday evening, April 11, at 7:00 in room 201 in Tomson Hall, the other event will take place. Two speakers from the International Solidarity movement for Peace with Justice will tell of their extended stays with the Palestinians.

Both of these events are free and open to the public.

## **Attention St. John's Women...**

Please clear your calendars for Saturday, May 5, to attend the wonderful Northfield Ecumenical Women's Annual Meeting at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. The women of St. Peter's warmly welcome you! See additional details in the March edition of the Voice.

## **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://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.

Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (@StJohnsNF). If you have pictures we could add to our Facebook site of the happenings of our church, please email them to:

[office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **This Week At-a-Glance**

<b>Monday, April 9</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	6:00 p.m.	Call to Care, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, Undercroft
	6:45 p.m.	Church Boards, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Trombones Rehearsal, Room 209
8:30 p.m.	Guy's Night Out, Contented Cow	
<b>Wed., April 11</b>	9:00 a.m.	Lydia Circle and Sarah Circle, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Multiple Meanings Bible Study, St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:00 p.m.	Creative Arts Group, Undercroft Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall Confirmation (Grade 9) High School Youth Group, Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, April 12</b>	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Benevolence & Social Concerns Board, Fireside Room
<b>Friday, April 13</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall

## This Week At-a-Glance (continued)

Saturday, April 14	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	11:00 a.m.	Multiple Meanings Bible Study, Fireside Room
Sunday, April 15	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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

Menu for Wednesday, April 11:  
*Scalloped Potatoes with Ham*

**All are welcome!**

### **Launch of First 150th Anniversary Project: Community Building with Laura Baker Services Association**

Sandi Gerdes, director of Laura Baker Services Association, will lead a discussion group about this project between services (9:45 a.m.) in the Fireside Room on April 15, 22, and 29. If you'd like to know more, please come to all or any of these sessions.



Many of us have never talked to a person with a developmental disability, and we feel awkward and don't know what to say. You will learn about the Creative Arts Group with Laura Baker members which will meet once a month after the Wednesday meal, and how these groups can help us build new friendships.

### **Reminder of Deadlines:**

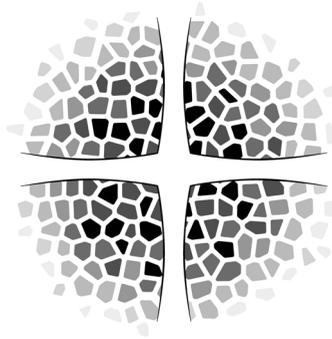
Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: April 15<sup>th</sup> for the May Edition

Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

Thank you.



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