



SERVICE OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 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 — Three settings of “This Joyful Eastertide”

VRUECHTEN

John Ferguson, Matthew Corl, Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and Announcements

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*Gathering Hymn — “This Joyful Eastertide” (#391)

VRUECHTEN

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has sprung to life this
slum - ber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my pass - ing soul de -
mor - row.
num - ber. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his
liv - er.
three-day pris - son, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a -
ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward; Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- ☐ Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

- ☑ Amen.

*Baptism Acclamation — “You Have Put On Christ” (#211)

You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy © 1969; Music: Howard Hughes © 1977

*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

First Reading — Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.


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

Psalmody — Psalm 133, “Behold, How Pleasant” (#649)


MIREN QUE BUENO

Refrain — all; Verses — cantor


Refrain



¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!



How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:
How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:



fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

Text and Music: Pablo Sosa, based on Psalm 133 © Pablo Sosa

Second Reading — 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light

as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ²¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation (#174)**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker, © 1985 admin. OCP Publications

***Gospel — John 20:19-31**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not writ-

ten in this book. ³But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — “Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded” (ACS #933)

IN DIR IST FREUDE

Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the
news, the gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der, day of all
splen - dor, praise Christ ris - en from the dead! Sing of the
Sing now of
sun from dark - ness ap - pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth
mourn - ing turned in - to danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our
green - ing; sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
glo - ry; sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in wa - ter made
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor last - ing for -
ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, © 2011 GIA Publications; Music: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi

***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:

“Praeludium” from Partita 1

J. S. Bach

*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:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — "Thine Is the Glory" (#376)

JUDAS MACCABAEUS



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en, from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sing! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, tr. R. Birch Hoyle; Music: George Frideric Handel

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — “Hornpipe” from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Ministers	Jane Rizzo and Judy Karlson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Don McRae on his birthday by Marilyn McRae Raadt. 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 & 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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Jill Enestvedt on her birthday today.

Pub Theology via Zoom

Tomorrow, Monday, April 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Heaven—A Comforting Metaphor, A Marvelous Place, or Something Else Entirely?

In a recent conversation, someone asked, “How much do we believe in heaven? Does it really exist? What do we think the afterlife is all about?” What do you think? To quote a popular book from the last decade, is heaven for real? This is not a new question in Christian theology but it is an important one that many faithful people ask and wonder about. Let's wonder about it together on Zoom. Bring your questions and your insights! To ground our conversation, please the Christian Century article [“Heaven Comes to Us”](#) by Thomas Long

In-Person Worship Sign-ups

As we begin to increase the number of people in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, we are taking a gradual approach to practice new habits of being together. Sunday April 18, we will be re-training ushers. Next week (April 15), we will open up sign-ups for several Sundays: April 25 through May 23. At first, we will ask vaccinated members to sign up for just one week to attend. More slots may be opened up, but for now, we ask you to make sure there is room for others who also want to be in worship. More information about our plans for in-person worship can be found on the FAQ page at our website: stjohnsnorthfield.org.

Northfield's Earth Day Celebration 2021

Saturday, April 24

There will be morning outdoor workshops from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and an afternoon outdoor Earth Fair from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with Cannon Valley Farmers Market, sustainable exhibitors, kids activities, and more. Come join us outside—with masks on—for socially-distanced events. Check out our community efforts as we strive for sustainability and resiliency at northfieldearthday.com where you can register for the Saturday morning workshops by clicking on “Workshop Sessions.”

Announcements (continued)

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.

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 in Northfield, Rice County Habitat for Humanity is embarking on its first Faith Build. A Faith Build happens when funds and volunteers are provided by the faith community to build a home with a family in need. Building a Habitat home provides the church an outlet for missions, fellowship, and putting faith into action. To prepare for this build, Habitat is forming crews. To sign up to be part of a crew, complete the form found on their website: <https://habitatricecounty.org/>.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, & Chocolates and Thistle Farms Hand Soaps

Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to place your order for contactless delivery.

Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take and eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Marlene Engstrom, Marilyn Boschee, Andy and Izzie Nelson,
Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Susan Rudser

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Marcia Koester (sister of Vern Koester)
Family of Lillian O'Donnell

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

Joan Carlson, Richard Olson, Virley Brown

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 18):

Third Sunday of Easter

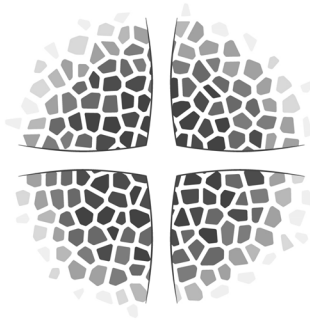
Acts 3:12-19 † Psalm 4 † 1 John 3:1-7 † Luke 24:36b-48

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. 12	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom Virtual Pub Theology via Zoom Peace & Justice Group via Zoom
Tuesday, Apr. 13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Church Board Meetings via Zoom
Wednesday, Apr. 14	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break
Thursday, Apr. 15		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, Apr. 16		No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, Apr. 17		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Apr. 18	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream Virtual Sunday School via Zoom Virtual Youth Group via Zoom Coffee Hour via Zoom



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Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

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.