



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020 † 9:30 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.*

*Video of this week's service will be posted for one week only on the home page of our website [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Audio recording of the sermon will be archived under the worship tab of the website. If you wish to have a text copy of the sermon mailed to you, please contact the church office. Other helpful links and resources will be posted as they become available at the St. John's Facebook page.*



*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

- 🎵 Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- 🎵 Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

## \*Gathering Hymn — “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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*, 1708, alt.

## \*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!"

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, 1707-1788, alt.

## \*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 — Jeremiah 31:1-6

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

The word of the Lord.       Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading — Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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 - phant - ly, 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 — John 20:1-18**

**📖** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **🎵** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "O Day Full of Grace"

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O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson

**\*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:*

“March” from *The St. Olaf Organ Series*

F. Melius Christiansen

### **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

- Ⓐ O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
- Ⓑ **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 — “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that still a -  
E - ter-nal is the gift he brings, there-fore our heart with rap-ture  
Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on things a -  
bounds: “Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!” Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and  
sings: “Christ has tri-umphed! He is liv-ing!” Now still he comes to give us  
above that we con-quer through your tri-umph; grant grace suf-fi-cient for life's  
clear! Re-peat their song of glo-ry here: “Christ has tri-umphed! He is  
life and by his pre-sence stills all strife. “Christ has tri-umphed! He is  
day that by our lives we tru-ly say: “Christ has tri-umphed! He is  
liv-ing!”  
liv-ing!” Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## \*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 — *Festival Piece, No. 1*

Dagfinn Moe



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Mari and Thea Hanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Trumpet	Pastor Jonathan Davis

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 19):**

### ***Second Sunday of Easter***

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32 † Psalm 16 † 1 Peter 1:3-9 † John 20:19-31**

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Don McRae from 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: June 14 & 28. 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.

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**We your pastors invite** – not compel, but invite – those who wish to join in a proclamation to the Lord's Supper at an Easter evening service hosted on the Zoom platform. We urge you to continue to follow physical distancing guidelines, but if you live with others, we invite you to set a table. Gather around. Prepare some bread and wine (or grape juice). We will proclaim together the mystery of faith in real time; we will unite in prayer with those who have gone before us and with the feast yet to come; this will be a communion, not as we long for but as we are able. We will gather around the word of the walk to Emmaus, when Jesus came to two disciples who were apart from their community, alone on the road; he opened the Scriptures to them; they invited him into their own home; and in the breaking of the bread they recognized the risen Christ among them.

## **2020 Census**

As we stay at home, there is one activity that you can do to help promote the completion of the census. If you have not done so, please fill yours out now or as soon as it arrives in your mailbox. It is so important to Minnesota, Rice County, Northfield, and the school district that everyone be counted. It is easy to do online or via phone. The count is used to distribute future federal funds to our state, redistricting at federal, state, county, and local levels, planning for development, etc. Without an accurate count, we could lose a lot. So go online, or call 844-330-2020 to respond via phone. The web site is [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov).

## **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.

# 2020 Easter Flowers

## Given in memory of:

Sawyer Garlie *by Matt, Leah, Clayton & Rhett Garlie*  
Russell and Rita Becker *by Dave and Debby Becker*  
JoAnn Smith *by Dave and Debby Becker*  
Ron Ellingson and Eileen Boehning *by The Boehning Family*  
Our son Larry Carlson *by Bill & Charlotte Carlson*  
Our parents *by Bill & Charlotte Carlson*  
Leonard Anderson *by Phil & Barb Eaves*  
Steve Edwins *by Jennifer Edwins*  
John Falck *by Shirley Falck*  
Charles Jacobson *by Marilyn Jacobson*  
Kenneth Jennings *by Carolyn Jennings and Family*  
Gustav & Genevieve Odegaard *by David & Ruth Legvold*  
Ole & Birdie Legvold and Lloyd & Mayvis Harkness *by David & Ruth Legvold*  
Our Grandparents *by Jonathan, Katherine, Emmett & Wyatt Norrie*  
Jon Nicholson *by the Nicholson Family*  
Our parents *by Jon and Jeanette Rondestvedt*  
My parents Jack & Emily Sahling *by Don Sahling*  
Doug Schuurman *by Kathy Schuurman and Family*  
My brother Harold and parents Louis & Lucille Vang *by Kathy Vang*

## Given in honor of:

Gordon Smith *by Dave and Debby Becker*  
Health Care Workers *by David & Cheryl Buck*  
Health Care Workers *by Herb & Pat Fick*  
Nathan Proctor and David Sims *by Nathan, Anneliese & Charlotte Goettsch*  
Walt, Max and Angie Johnson *by Doug Johnson*  
Our parents *by Jonathan, Katherine, Emmett & Wyatt Norrie*  
My sisters Lana & Mary *by Kathy Vang*

## Given with grateful hearts and in celebration of Easter:

*Terry & Peggy Dell*  
*Gary & Liz Wicks*

# 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*

Craig Breimhorst

Noah Parker

Tim Oberle, son-in-law of Sue and Dave Hagen

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Gene and Delores Nelson,

Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Joanne Sommers, Tom Sorenson,

Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Carol Carlson, Janice Helgeson,

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

# **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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

The governor has indicated that social distancing should continue at least through the first week of May; a further extension of the current stay-at-home order is also possible. We will worship virtually as long as there are restrictions on large gatherings. Contact the church office at 507-645-4429 if have any questions.

The 8:30 a.m. worship services will be radio broadcasts ([www.kymnradio.net](http://www.kymnradio.net)).

## **Virtual Pub Theology – Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

During this season of keeping physical distance, we think it is important to connect to each other and our faith more regularly. Therefore, for now, we will have weekly Virtual Pub Theology via ZOOM from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Monday nights. Pub Theology is a space where we gather for connection and conversations around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. A topic and a link to ZOOM will be emailed out on Sunday and shared on Facebook. If you would like to be added to the email list or have questions about using ZOOM, please email Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study – Mondays, 12:00 p.m.**

Our weekly Manna and Mercy Text Study will gather on Monday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Manna and Mercy Text Study is a time to read and wrestle with the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. Together we will wonder about what these texts have to say to us in this particular time and place. No Biblical experience necessary! The link to ZOOM will be emailed out on Monday morning and shared on Facebook. If you would like to be added to the email list or have questions about using ZOOM, please email Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **St. John's Virtual Church Coffee Break**

Join us on your computer, tablet, or phone for St. John's Virtual Church Coffee Break throughout the week. For 30 minutes, we will simply check in, connect, and have a thought for the day. If you cannot stay the whole time, but simply want wander through and say "hello!," please do! The link to ZOOM will be posted on Facebook each morning. If you have questions about using ZOOM, please email Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

Virtual Coffee gathering times will be:

Tuesday @ 2:00 p.m., Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m., Thursday @ 2:00 p.m., and Friday @ 10:00 a.m.



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