



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 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 — Three settings of “This Joyful Eastertide” VRUECHTEN
John Ferguson, Matthew Corl, and Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 391 “This Joyful Eastertide”

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P** For these waters of life,
- G** We give you thanks, O God.

*Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** And also with you.

*Canticle of Praise — “This is the Feast”

Liturgy Setting Four — Front of hymnal, page 149

*Prayer of the Day

- P** Holy righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with the words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Acts 3:12-19

Pew Bible, page 887

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Antiphon: The LORD does wonders for the faithful.



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. *Antiphon***

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us | any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. *Antiphon***

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** — Luke 24:36b-48

Spark Story Bible, page 492; Pew Bible, page 861

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.
- ☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 635

"We Walk by Faith"

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

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.

***Peace**

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

- G** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON, arr. Sandra Eithun

Rejoice Ringers

***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.

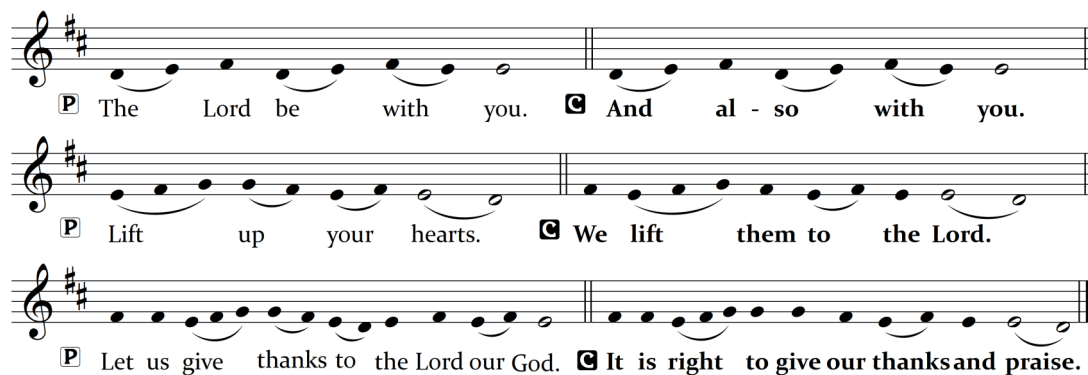
- A** Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.

**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

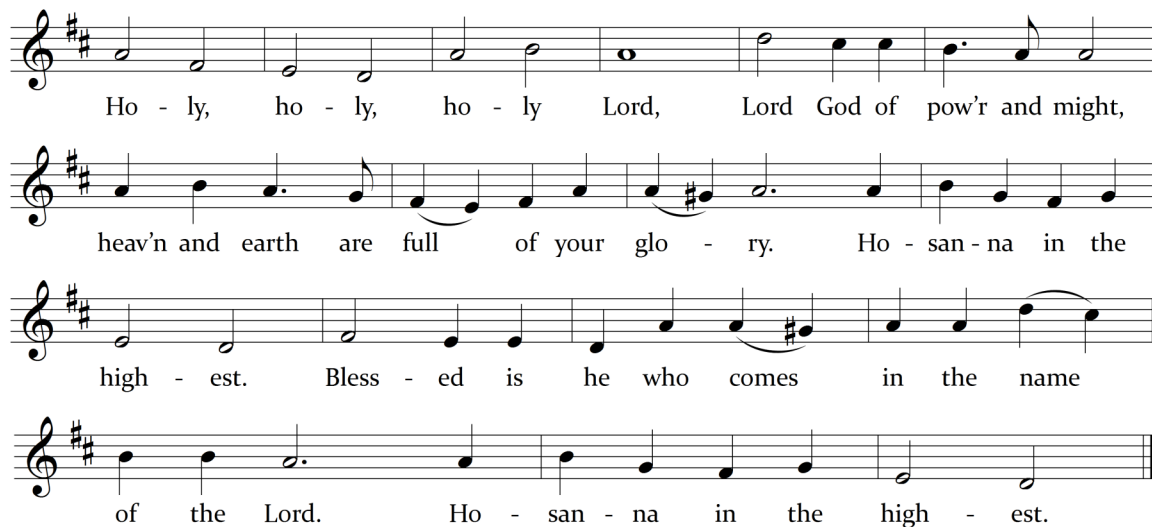


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

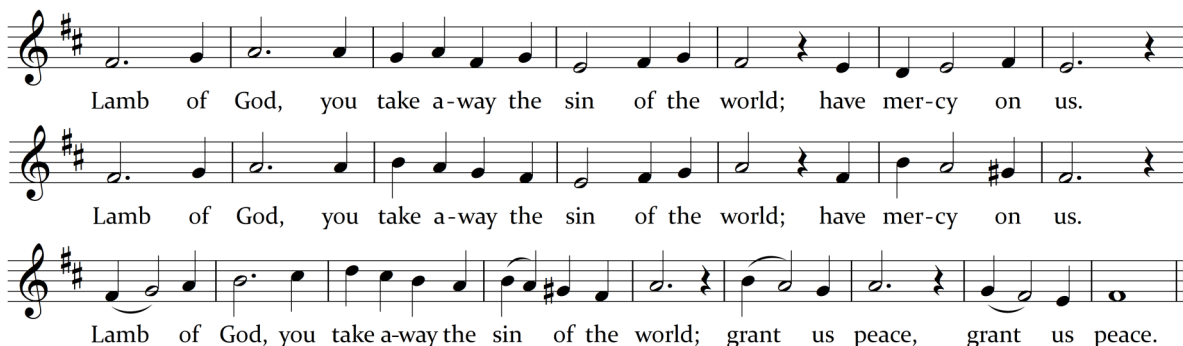
*The Lord's Prayer

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 — "The Day of Resurrection!"

ELLACOMBE, arr. Mary Kay Parrish

Hymn — No. 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

A 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:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 363

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

***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 — on GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Robert Buckley Farlee



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruth Smestad Anglin
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Tarkel Price
Choir	Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director
Percussion	Jennifer Pelletier, Jeanette Pelletier, Amy Jivavitoonkit
Acolytes	(8:30) Alex Organ, Kate Organ (10:45) Elena Mikula, Nick Mikula
Communion Preparer	Suzanne Pfau
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Suzanne Pfau
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Phil and Barb Eaves, Elizabeth Wicks (10:45) Joyce Revne Stofft, Elizabeth Wicks
Coffee and Refreshments	Joann Bell, Carol Benson, Christy Hall-Holt, Darlene Hand, Gary and Elizabeth Wicks
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	David Nitz, Mark Ulmer, Elden and Solveig Zempel
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 22):

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 † Psalm 23 † 1 John 3:16-24 † John 10:11-18

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 with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, 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 and Sigrid Gronning, Bob Noreen

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, or contact a pastor.

Blessing Box at St. John's

"Take something if in need; leave something when blessed."

The Blessing Box at St. John's has frequent visitors! If you'd like to donate items, you may put them directly in the Blessing Box or in our donation box downstairs. Possible items to donate: pasta, rice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, baby formula, toilet paper, diapers, soap, whole grains such as brown rice, oatmeal cereal, wholesome cereals, and wholesome snacks. When the weather warms, canned items can be donated. Thank you!

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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: Community Building with Laura Baker Services Assoc. (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

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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 today and the next two Sundays between services in the Fireside Room. 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. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, April 18:
Pizza Burgers

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by George and Judy Pinc in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary on April 20. 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., Sanctuary

Today's Topic: *How Much Do We Need to Know About Jesus?* – With Dr. Charlie Wilson

What can we know historically about Jesus? How does historical knowledge of Jesus relate to faith and theology? During this forum, St. Olaf Professor and St. John's member, Charlie Wilson will present on samplings of contemporary historians' views of the historical Jesus. Charlie just recently published his book titled *Inventing Christic Jesuses*.

It's St. John's Turn to Help Serve at the Thursday's Table Community Meal!

Thursday, April 19

Please sign up to be part of a group of 8 volunteers from St. John's to help set up the room, serve food, and clean up for Thursday's Table at the Northfield Community Center (NCRC). Enjoy the fruit of your labor in a tasty meal with people from all over Northfield. Please sign up on the Volunteer's Serving Board in the Commons or contact Christy Hall-Holt by phone at 507-645-4429 or email at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org. It's a great way to serve!

Waiting List for Decluttering Home and Heart Retreat

The retreat is currently filled but we are taking names for a waiting list in case anyone cancels their registration. Please contact Jane Rinehart at 612-840-6450 or janesrinehart@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the list.

Cinco de Mayo

Friday, May 4, 5:00-9:00 p.m., Northfield Middle School

Come celebrate with others in your community as you enjoy a night of authentic Mexican food, dancing, and activities for all ages. Money raised at the event will go towards scholarships for Northfield T.O.R.C.H. students.

- Tickets for games and dessert can be purchased at the event. Authentic Mexican Food will be catered by Gran Plaza and available for free with optional good will donation.
- If you would like to help with this event, either through the donation of time or items needed (bottled water, pop, desserts, scholarship funds) please visit the site listed below.
<https://goo.gl/forms/oDujkhUOdYoAHY563>

We hope to see you there!! For more information, contact Rebecca Lorang by email at rlorang@northfieldschools.org

Announcements (continued)

Personal Care Kit Collection Begins

A collection has begun for Person Care Kits which will be assembled during the Intergenerational event on Sunday, May 13. The kits include the following item:

- thin dark bath towels
- sturdy combs
- nail clippers
- bath bar size soap
- (no toothbrushes)

Items can be deposited in the box under the Women of St. John's bulletin board in the Commons.

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! Contact Shirley Shaft at 507-663-6056 or shirleyshaft@yahoo.com by Saturday, April 21.

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.

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.

Reminder of Deadlines:

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

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

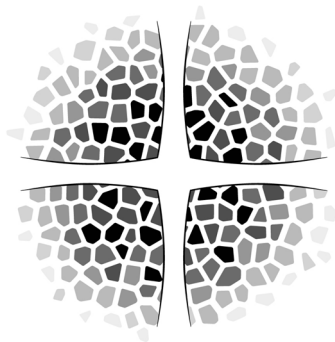
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Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, April 16	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 17	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room 150th Anniversary Steering Committee, Undercroft
Wed., April 18	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall Confirmation (Grade 9) High School Youth Group, Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209 Personnel Committee, Fireside Room
Thursday, April 19	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilting, Fellowship Hall Mission Partner Team, Fireside Room Laura Baker Reverse Learning Fair, Multiple Rooms Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony Bold Café - Hideaway Thursdays, Offsite at The Hideaway
Friday, April 20	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, April 21	8:45 a.m.	Women of St. John's Spring Retreat, Offsite
Sunday, April 22	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12) Worship / Nursery Welcome Lunch for Newcomers, St. John's Hall



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