



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023 † 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 hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front 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.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins and hymns 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 on . . . Today!

I. "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

Robert Powell

II. "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Cathy Moklebust

Rejoice Ringers

III. "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Philip Moore

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 373

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — high voices

Stanza 3 — all, whistling melody

Stanza 4 — low voices

Stanzas 5 & 6 — all

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

G Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism . . .

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

G Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

***Response Hymn** — ELW No. 456

"Baptized in Water"

Stanza 1

*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

- ☐ Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 — Exodus 15:1-11

¹Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. ²The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. ⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' ¹⁰You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"

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

Antiphon: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion. *Antiphon***

⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity. *Antiphon***

Second Reading — 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Ⓛ 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 882

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th 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 — ELW No. 363

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

***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

(8:30) "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. Kevin McChesney

(10:45) "Carol" from *Five Bagatelles*

Gerald Finzi, arr. Robert Gower

*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.**

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



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

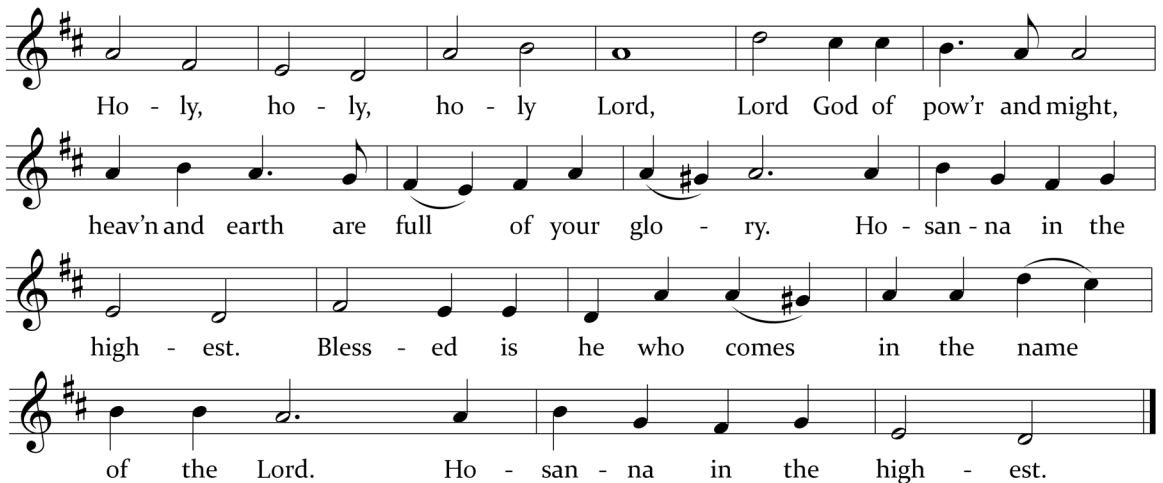


P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



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.

***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.**

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. 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.

Hymn — ACS No. 966

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

*Prayer after Communion

ℒ Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

☞ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 375

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”

Refrain sung in English or Spanish.

*Dismissal

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — on SANTO DOMINGO

James Biery



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Chuck Hellie (10:45) Jeff McLaughlin
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, interim conductor
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Gerri Licke
Refreshments	TBD
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Jim Loe, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 16)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Parent Check-In (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)
St. John's Forum: Health Care Directive with Kerry Hjelmgren (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (April 23)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Parent Check-In (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)
St. John's Forum: Prof. Kiara Jorgenson and Creation Care (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Toddler Time (9:50–10:30 a.m., Preschool Class Room)
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Announcements

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.
Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Joyce and Richard Moore in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: June 11 & 18.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH thank you for your support at the Easter breakfast! We raised over \$1,300 towards this summer's mission trip! If you would still like to make a donation toward St. John's youth, a gift can be designated in the offering plate or online to "youth mission trip." Thank you!

St. John's Forum: *Advance Care Planning—What it Is, Why it's Important, and How to Begin*
Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Kerry Hjelmgren, Executive Director of FiftyNorth will present a program on ACP. Come learn about the process of advance care planning, gain a greater understanding of the MN healthcare directive, and learn best practices for starting a conversation about your wishes with the people who matter most to you.

Pub Theology—Hungering for Holiness

Monday, April 17, 6:00–7:30 p.m., El Tequila Restaurant

Many people say that they are "spiritual but not religious." Preacher and author Barbara Brown Taylor wonders if "Hungering for Holiness" might be a better phrase. What do you hunger for in your spiritual life right now? What do you want more of and what do you want less of? Some have suggested that we are entering into a time of "spiritual openness" for people, where people are thinking about and considering the role they want faith and spirituality to play in their life—after it has been, for some, dormant for so long. What do you think? Join us for this conversation. In preparation, please read or listen to Barbara Brown Taylor's *On Being* conversation with Krista Tippett, found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6vp2m2>

Courageous Conversations: "Sharing Our Roots"

Thursday, April 20, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Lucia Possehl from Northfield's "Sharing Our Roots" farm will speak on supporting immigrant and low-income farmers by providing land access and shared infrastructure, and overseeing community gardens in Northfield and Faribault. Open to the public, live streamed, refreshments.

Oral History Update

Available on the website is a new oral history interview with Elizabeth and John Bade about their membership at St. John's. You can hear the history and other interviews by clicking on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

Announcements (continued)

NEW DATE for the Prayer Buddy Get-Together

Wednesday, April 19, 5:35–6:15 p.m., Fireside Room

Thanks for being a part of the Prayer Buddy Ministry this year. We'll meet in the Fireside Room for our after Easter Get-Together. Dinner will be provided. Please let Julie know if you cannot attend.

The Property & Grounds Board Adopt-A-Garden Program

In order to reduce maintenance costs each summer season, church members are asked to volunteer to maintain fifteen gardens on the grounds. As former gardeners retire from their duties, gardens become available for "adoption." For the 2023 season, there are still two relatively easy gardens needing immediate adoption by individuals or by families. If you are interested in this program and seek more information, please contact board member Jo Ann Polley at email polley@stolaf.edu.

Mission Morning

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m.–Noon

St. John's Women take donations and build Baby Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Hospice Kits throughout the year. This year we will be preparing them all in one morning! Please consider donating supplies during March and April, and joining us in person, Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m.–noon, compiling kits, as well as helping quilters and knitters. Lists are available in the Commons.

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, April 24, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, St. John's Hall

The Adult Ministry & Education Board and the Northfield Retired Educators invite you to attend Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans. This month's speakers will be Gloria Nathanson from the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf. She will be speaking on "Your Hearing and What You Should Know". Our second speakers will be Arielle Courtney who works with the DNA Parks and Trails Partnership Development and Andy Wendt, Naturalist of Nerstrand Big Woods State Park. They will be sharing updates and information about our Minnesota State Parks. This will be a morning of information, conversation, and fellowship beginning with coffee, having a half-hour break with refreshments and coffee, and at the end of the speakers a sandwich lunch provided by Hideaway Vault. Cost for the morning is \$15 payable the morning of the event. Please RSVP by April 18 by calling 507-301-9094 or emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 23):

Third Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 51:1-6 † Psalm 34:1-10 † 1 Peter 1:17-23 † Luke 24:13-35

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

Joanne Rodland, Don Sahling, Wendy Scholz, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangrud)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Jennifer Bothun

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Rose Youngquist, Lester Gunderson, Tom Fjelde

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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, April 19:
Sloppy Joes

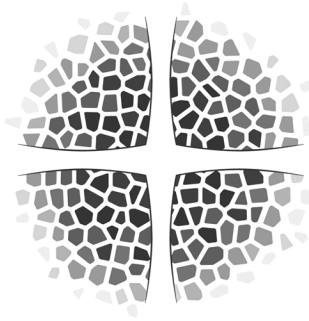
All are welcome!

Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Apr. 17	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, El Tequila Mexican Restaurant
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Apr. 18	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
		P.E.O. Chapter N, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Fireside Room
Wednesday, Apr. 19	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	5:35 p.m.	Prayer Buddy Get-Together, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
		Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Apr. 20	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Apr. 21	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 22	11:30 a.m.	Celebration of Life - Mike Zierke, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Apr. 23	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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