

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 17, 2025 † 12:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this Holy Week.

*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 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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Today our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. The heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Daniel Kallman

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty
to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

C Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon, and
forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

C I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty
to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

P Almighty and merciful God
grant you healing, pardon, and
forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

*Individual absolution is offered. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle and kneel at an open spot at the communion rail for the laying on of hands. Please return by the side aisles.
If you would like an absolution in your pew, let an usher know.*

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 666

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*Greeting

- 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.

*Prayer of the Day

- P** Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, 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

First Reading — Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Pew Bible, page 513

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 116, "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Voice"

PROSPECT

I love the Lord, who heard my voice, and an - swered
I lift sal - va - tion's cup from which you had me
The rec - om - pense for what is mine is to ex -

my most ear - nest plea; when snares of death my
drink to seal my vow; and in the sight of
alt your name al - ways; my heart with thanks should

life would take, you lift me, God, from my de - spair.
all a - round, I hon - or my com - mit - ment now.
ne'er run dry, nor tongue re - fuse to sing your praise.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan, © 2010, *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Westminster John Knox Press

*Gospel Acclamation

Sung by all, first in Latin, then in English.

Taizé Community

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

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*Gospel — John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Spark Story Bible, page 462; Pew Bible, page 876

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th 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. 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*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

(12:00) "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross" BWV 622

J. S. Bach

(6:30) "A Lenten Love Song"

Helen Kemp

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. He went there sad and very weary to be alone to pray. "Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way? Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away." Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray: "Dear God, your Son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best. Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will, to do your will and rest." Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*Offering Hymn — "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

For music, see ELW No. 188

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

*Offering Prayer

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.**

**As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

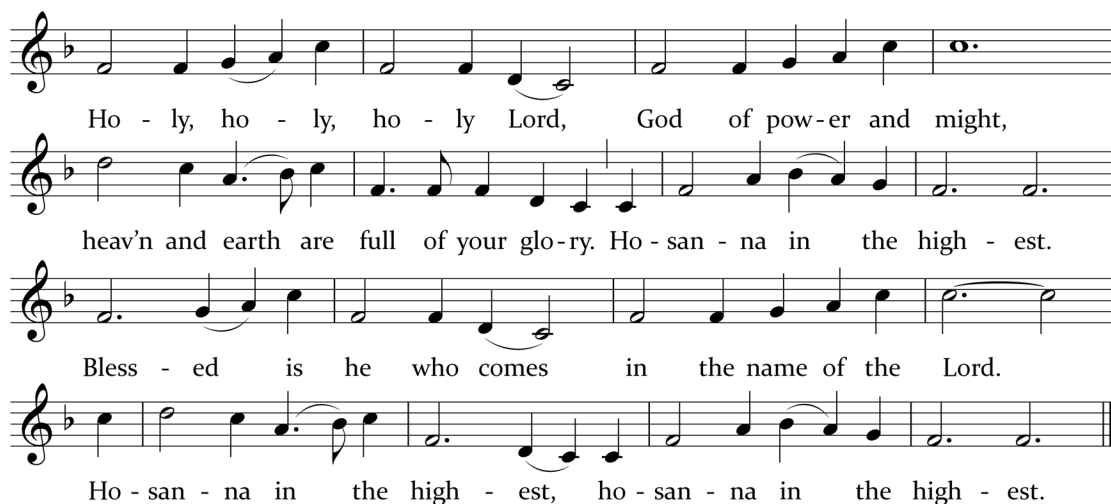
P Lift up your hearts.

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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

P Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Like a mother hen, hold us close . . . into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Come, Holy Spirit, make here . . . in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

***The Lord's Prayer** — *Sung by all.*



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de-liv-er us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.

(12:00) 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.**

(6:30) You are invited to commune at the railing as you are able. Please follow the ushers' instructions forward, moving in one continuous direction around the altar and kneeling at the closest available spot to receive the bread and wine. Please indicate to the server if you need a gluten-free wafer; white grape juice is also offered. When you have finished communing, continue back to your seat, moving in the same direction. **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.

Hymn — ELW No. 347

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

(6:30) Hymn — ELW No. 471

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

☪ Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🔊 Amen.

(12:00) Psalmody — Psalm 22:1-11

*Sung in alternation between cantor and assembly using the tone below.
Cantor begins. All singing the last verse.*



My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?
**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
by night, but I | find no rest.**
Yet you are the | Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.
**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**
They cried out to you and | were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**
All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
**“Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”**

Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.
Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.

(6:30) **Stripping of the Altar**

At the evening service, as Psalm 22 is sung, the table and pulpit are stripped of their paraments and the chancel is made bare. The altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the sanctuary for Good Friday. Through this stark and ancient ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. The psalm setting is by Rev. Joseph Crippen.

*All depart in silence.
Our worship continues on Good Friday.*

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(12:00) Ralph and Marcia Yernberg (6:30) Rod Christensen
Organists	Nathan Proctor, David Sims
Cantor	(6:30) Kristin Partlo
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Ushers	(12:00) Bob Nyvall, Mark Polzin, Leif Knecht (6:30) Todd Menssen, Rob Nutt, Mark Rydberg, Eric Sponheim

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by a member of St. John's in gratitude for KYMN broadcasts.

Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1 FM from 8:30–9:30 a.m.

If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office.

Dates available: May 4, 11 & 18. 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.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Good Friday, April 18

Liturgy of Good Friday

12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM
and livestream on the St. John's website

Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion at both Services

8:30 a.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM
and livestream on the St. John's website

Easter Breakfast

Served from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

in St. John's Hall

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
Make sure to bring a basket or bag to collect all the eggs!

**Email Julie Brehmer, children@stjohnsnorthfield.org,
if you can help Saturday morning.
Thank you!**

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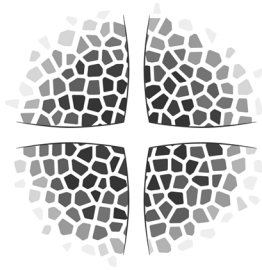
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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*