



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2020 † 8:30 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.*

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*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”

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 one 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; Tune: Dutch folk tune

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

- ☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.  
We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

### **\*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 — Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22a</sup>“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

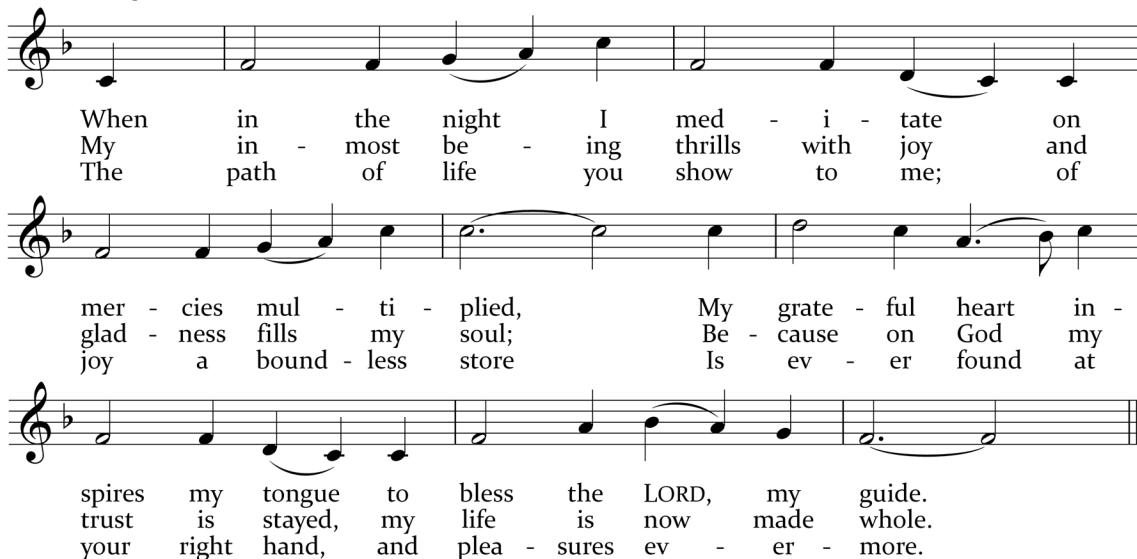
<sup>29a</sup>Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 16

LAND OF REST



When in the night I meditate on and  
My in most be ing thrills with joy and  
The path of life you show to me; of  
mer cies mul ti plied, My grate ful heart in  
glad ness fills my soul; Be cause on God my  
joy a bound less store Is ev er found at  
spires my tongue to bless the LORD, my guide.  
trust is stayed, my life is now made whole.  
your right hand, and plea sures ev er more.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, alt.

## Second Reading — 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed 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, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so 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. <sup>8</sup>Although 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, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**L** The word of the Lord.      **C** 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

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

<sup>19</sup>When 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 Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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.”

<sup>26</sup>A 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But 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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.    **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Mark Rydberg

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “The Risen Christ”

WOODLANDS



The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed feet  
 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed side,  
 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed hand  
 May we, Christ’s bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - ’ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g’ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, Tune: Walter Greatorex

**\*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:*

*“Allegretto” from Six Short Preludes*

Charles V. Stanford

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

- Ⓟ God of infinite mercy, God of everlasting promise,  
we thank you for your Word,  
which gives us life and light,  
which brings healing and hope.  
Strengthen us to wait in faith for your peace and justice  
until that day when your creation is born anew, freed from affliction,  
through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Ⓞ **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

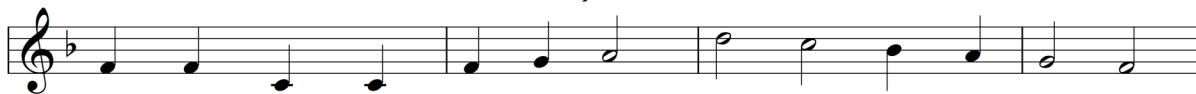
Response: **C** Amen.

## \*Sending Hymn — “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

GAUDEAMUS PARITER



Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:  
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing,  
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing,  
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing,

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale

## \*Dismissal

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



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Rev. Mark Rydberg
Assisting Minister	Andrea Hoff
Organist	Nathan Proctor

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 26):**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14, 36-41 † Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 † 1 Peter 1:17-23 † Luke 24:13-35

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of their parents by Bonnie Jean Flom and Greg Norman. 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: July 5, 12, 19 & 26. 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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## **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.

# How Can You Help?

This question continues to be asked everyday. It's heartening to know that we have a community that is ready to step up in a crisis.

- First and foremost, stay at home as much as possible during the Governor's stay-at-home order, which currently extends to May 3. Secondly, connect with neighbors and friends, especially health care workers, those who are at risk, and people with small children who suddenly find themselves 24/7 together.
- St. John's continues to need your **regular financial gifts**. Although we can't be with you all in person, we want to continue to pay our staff. Giving online is easy at [StJohnsNorthfield.org](https://StJohnsNorthfield.org). Contact the church office at 507-645-4429 to set up automatic gifts. Or mailed offerings will continue to be welcomed. If you are in a position to pay ahead on your annual pledge, that will also help us get through this difficult time. Contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 if you would like to set-up automatic online giving.
- Local sewers are making **cloth face masks** for use by health care and other essential workers. Material can be picked up in the St. John's parking lot from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. each Monday. Finished masks are returned to the same spot. For details on this effort and to get instructions, email Kathy Ness at [KJL.Ness@gmail.com](mailto:KJL.Ness@gmail.com).
- Many **prayer shawls** made by our knitters were distributed to members who are on lockdown in care facilities. If you would like to make one (the patterns are easy), contact Sue Sharrow to learn how.
- Our Sunday School's **Blessing Box** is seeing a high level of both donations and people receiving these blessings. Nonperishable foods, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene supplies, and toilet paper are especially welcome donations.
- The **Red Cross** still needs blood, maybe now more than ever. Go to the Red Cross website at [redcross.org](https://redcross.org) if you are eligible to donate. Drives are still happening locally.
- The **Community Action Center** is preparing for a deluge of needs. The quickest way to help is to donate financially. The CAC can make those gifts go further than your own grocery store donations. They are also building their volunteer base. [For more information visit their website.](#)
- **Local businesses**, especially the ones that are usually social hangouts, are trying to quickly pivot to serve you in different ways. Take advantage of all those take-out and delivery options. And if you can't use them now, buy a gift card that you can use in the future.

## 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 and Izzy Nelson  
Noah Parker  
Becca Liv Neuger (daughter-in-law of Dave and Ruthie Neuger)  
Tim Oberle (son-in-law of Sue and Dave Hagen)  
Bob Scholz

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Craig Breimhorst

*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*

Berta Diem, Virley Brown, Sigrid Gronning, Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

*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.

**Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Joe Shaw  
on Tuesday, April 21.**

# **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. The topic will be posted on Facebook and the link to ZOOM will be posted on the church calendar.

If you 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.**

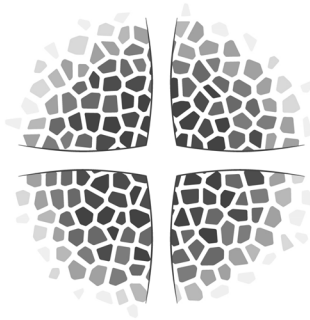
Our weekly Manna and Mercy Text Study will gather on Monday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Manna and Mercy Text Study is a time to read and wrestle with the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. Together we will wonder about what these texts have to say to us in this particular time and place. No Biblical experience necessary! The link to ZOOM will be posted on the church calendar. If you 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 the church calendar. 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.