

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026 † 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.



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Exultation”

Matthew Compton

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “On Emmaus’ Journey”

HOLY MANNA
arr. John Ferguson



cantor Who are you who walk in sor - row down Em - ma - us' bar - ren road,
cantor Who is this who joins our jour - ney, walk - ing with us stride by stride?
all Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened in the break - ing of the bread.
all Who are we who trav - el with you on our way through life to death?
all "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" is the Eas - ter hymn we sing!



hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed, bent be - neath grief's
Un - known Stran - ger, can you fath - om depths of grief for
Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor, liv - ing, ris - en
Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing, wak - ened by the
Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship as the gift of



crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers, we will join you,
one who died? Then the won - der! When we told you
from the dead! Great com - pan - ion on our jour - ney,
Spir - it's breath! At the font you claim and name us,
love we bring, You have formed us all one peo - ple



we who al - so mourn our dead. We have stood by
how our dreams to dust have turned, then you o - pened
still sur - prise us with your grace! Make each day a
born of wa - ter and the Word. At the ta - ble
called from ev - 'ry land and race. Make your church your



grave un - yield - ing, eat - en death's bare bit - ter bread.
wide the scrip - tures till our hearts with - in us burned!
new Em - ma - us; on our hearts your im - age trace!
still you feed us, host us as our ris - en Lord!
ser - vant bod - y, sent to share your heal - ing grace!

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*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

- ☐ O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

- ☐ 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 374

“Day of Arising”

(8:30) *Apostles' Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal pages 227-231*

with Affirmation of Baptism with New Members

The Triune God proclaims Lyla Lynn Kehret as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Lyla's parents are Brenda and Joshua Kehret, and her sponsors are Nic and Bri Combs, and Calvin and Brittany Kehret.

Presentation

- People of God, do you promise to support Lyla and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- We do.

Presentation of New Members

*Profession of Faith — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 229*

*Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)

*Thanksgiving at the Font — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- ℒ 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) "Gift of Finest Wheat"

Michael Helman

(10:45) "Day of Arising"

Aaron David Miller

***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.
- ☩ **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER



Children's Message

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!
Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

*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

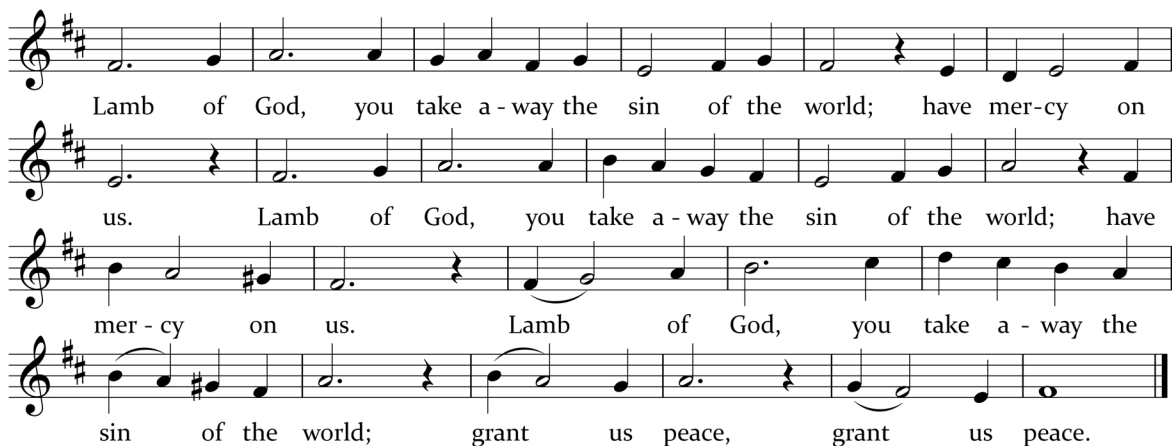
*The Lord's Prayer

**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 — ELW No. 484

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Hymn — ELW No. 466

“In the Singing”

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

*Prayer after Communion

- ℣ Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
- ☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response: ☩ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 385 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

*Dismissal

- ℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☩ Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- ℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Fanfare”

Paul Spicer



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Will Schroeer (10:45) Brenda Nelson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director
Cantors	Heather Wallace, Church Music Intern Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Livestream	Jon Kavanaugh
Communion Prep	Kristin Partlo
Communion Cleanup	Vicki Otis
Greeters	(8:30) Christy Hall-Holt, Marie Benson (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Craig Schultz, Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Counters	David Becker, Marilyn Calcutt, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Larry Enfield, Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt, John Ophaug (10:45) Mike Bull, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Scott and Elaine Nesbit

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 26):

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 + Psalm 23 + 1 Peter 2:19-25 + John 10:1-10

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 19)

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)
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany (9:45–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

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Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Don McRae by Marilyn McRae Raadt and family. 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), contact the church office. Next available dates: May 10, 17, and 31.

St. John's Forum: ELCA's "Sumud: for Justice in Palestine and Israel" Initiative

Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Maddi Froiland, Program Director for Sumud, will share the work of the ELCA's partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), and why justice in Palestine and Israel is an urgent matter for our church, our faith, and our community of American Christians. After graduating from St. Olaf, Froiland volunteered for the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission in the West Bank, and later served as communications officer to Bishop Azar in Jerusalem for three years.

Manna and Mercy Retreat with Rev. Alan Storey, April 24–25

South African pastor Alan Storey is returning to St. John's to lead a *Manna and Mercy Retreat*. Alan is an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church of South Africa and was appointed to the Central Methodist Mission (CMM) in Cape Town until 2023. Using Daniel Erlander's book *Manna and Mercy* (a book we use for Confirmation here at St. John's), Alan Storey will take us on a journey from Genesis to Revelation over the course of two days, with sensitivity to the contexts in which the scriptures were written and of our present day. The cost for the weekend is on a sliding scale of \$50-100. We are asking people to pay what they can. There are scholarships available, and the cost for students is \$25. Go to www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org

Annual Spring Church Yard Clean Up

Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m.–Noon

The Property & Grounds Board requests your assistance. All are welcome to attend, as many hands make less work! Please bring your own brooms, gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows for spreading mulch, shovels, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are needed. Thank you!

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, April 27, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Our first speaker will be Margo Krager, who will share information on fabrics used for costumes for movies, TV, and quilts in "*Fabric with the Look of Bygone Eras*." Earl Weinmann will be the second speaker of the morning with "*Grading Papers to Grilling Wieners: A Retirement with a Purpose*." Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 for speakers and refreshments or \$20 for speakers, refreshments, and lunch. This is payable the day of the event (cash or check only).

Announcements (continued)

A Note from the Treasurer:

The financial information through the first quarter of 2026 has been reported and I would like to provide a brief update on our giving. Typically, giving may be a bit under budget during portions of the year, but this year giving through the first quarter is lagging more than usual. Through March, offering is \$70,000 lower than the budgeted amount. Of slightly greater concern is that offering through the first quarter of 2026 is \$32,000 below the same time period in 2025. While not of great concern, it seems important to provide this update now, rather than later in the year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this or anything else pertaining to finances at St. John's.

Respectfully,

Judd Lohmann, Treasurer

Earth Day 2026 is almost here! Mark your calendars for Northfield's 17th perennial celebration on Saturday April 25, "Stand Up for Our Planet: Small Actions, Big Impact!"

The event will be held at Armory Square and down Division Street from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. with workshops, market fair, environmental exhibitors, and kid's activities. At noon, Erica Zweifel and Sara Pabich, the City of Northfield's Mayor and Sustainability Coordinator, will share an update on our progress on Northfield's Climate Action Plan. Check out our website for more information: www.northfieldearthday.com.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteer help cleaning up a town home near the Northfield soccer fields for the next family that will move into it. It's empty and only needs light cleaning, such as wiping down surfaces. Habitat provides all of the cleaning products. The day of the week for cleaning is flexible; daytime hours are preferred. Contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you can assist with this simple yet important task. You can also contact Jodi Wagner at habitatricecounty.org or 507-403-7868 to schedule a time to help.

Kid's Night Out for Grades 1–5

Friday, May 1, 5:30–8:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

Games, pizza, crafts, along with more games and a movie! Bring a snack to share with the group. Friends are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or across from the Nursery by Sunday, April 26.

Lifting Voices Very First Choir Concert

Saturday, May 2, 1:00 p.m., FiftyNorth

Join us for "Travelin' Tunes" under the direction of Kristin Kivell with support from Dan Kallman at the piano. Lifting Voices, a new choir in Northfield for people living with dementia, their care partners, and volunteer singers, has been rehearsing since January. The group looks forward to sharing their music and stories with the community. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

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

Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ellen North, Avis Reed, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

Those celebrating the baptism of

Lyla Lynn Kehret, daughter of Brenda and Joshua Kehret

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore,
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Alice Rickert,
Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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

Contact 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.

WEDNESDAY
Night Meals

Come share a meal!

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

Menu for Wednesday, April 22:
Totchos

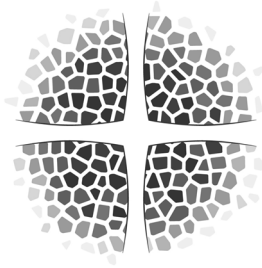
All are welcome!

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. 20	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Visitation - Lynn Matta, Commons
	10:30 a.m.	Funeral - Lynn Matta, Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Apr. 21	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	CVEC Course, Undercroft
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	10:30 a.m.	Inspired Pens Writing Group, St. John's Library
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Apr. 22	10:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	10:45 a.m.	Communion at NRC, Offsite
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Faith & Politics Discussion, St. John's Library
7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209	
Thursday, Apr. 23	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Youth Room
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 19
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Community Conversation with Alan Storey, St. John's Hall
Friday, Apr. 24	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	5:15 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Retreat, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 25	8:00 a.m.	Spring Cleanup Day, St. John's
	8:30 a.m.	Manna & Mercy Retreat, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Apr. 26	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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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.*