



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 22, 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

(8:30) "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" BWV 545

J. S. Bach

Andy Jacob, organ

(10:45) "Allegretto" from Op. 101

Charles V. Stanford

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 502

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Stanza 1 — all,

Stanza 2 — treble voices

Stanza 3 — bass voices,

Stanzas 4-6 — all

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P For these waters of life,

C 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.

C And also with you.

***Canticle of Praise** — "This is the Feast" *Front of hymnal, page 149*

*Prayer of the Day

P O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Acts 4:5-12

Pew Bible, page 887

After the reading:

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

Psalmody

(8:30) "The 23rd Psalm"

Bobby McFerrin

(10:45) "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Allen Pote

Second Reading — 1 John 3:16-24

Pew Bible, page 990

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** — John 10:11-18

Spark Story Bible, page 436; Pew Bible, page 872

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th 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 — No. 778

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

(8:30) ***The Apostles’ Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

(10:45) **Affirmation of Faith with New Members**

Presentation

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of the hymnal, page 105*

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Welcome

Hymn — No. 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Stanza 1

***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) "The Lamb"

John Ferguson

*Little lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life and bid thee feed. By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice!
Little lamb dost thou know who made thee; Little lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek, he is mild, he became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.*

-William Blake

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Ut Vitam Habeant" (That They May Have Life)

Ruth Elaine Shram

*Ut vitam habeant; Ego veni ut vitam habeant; et abundantius habeant.
I have come that they may have life abundantly.*

-John 10:10

Laudate Choir

*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!**

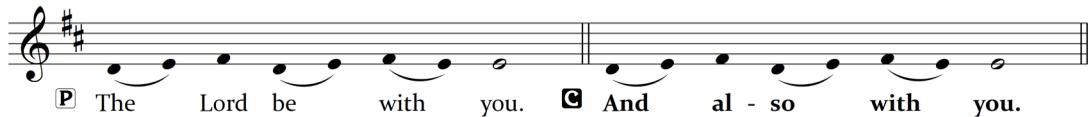
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

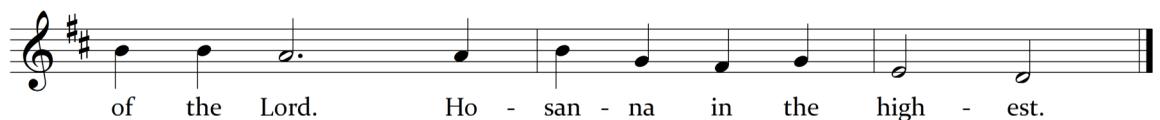
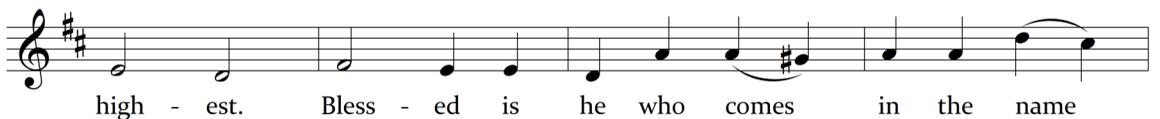
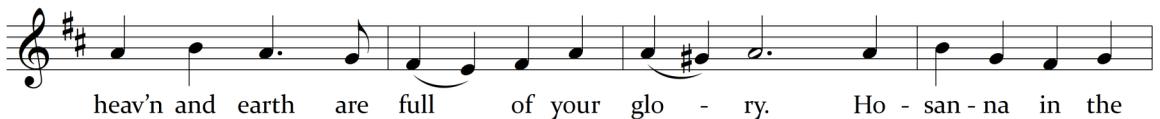
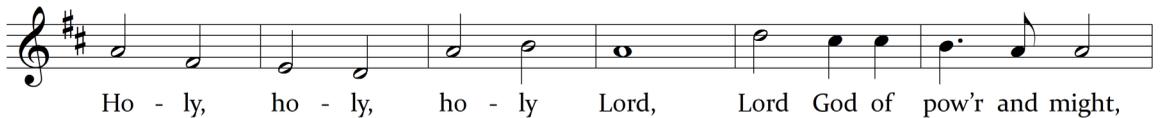
A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offerings of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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.

Hymn — No. 379

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Hymn — No. 494

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **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:

☩ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — No. 544

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

***Dismissal**

℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Trumpet Tune in C Major”

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organists	Nathan Proctor Andy Jacob, Church Music Intern
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Clarinet	(8:30) Jo Ann Polley
Acolytes	(8:30) Annelise Hall-Holt, Jeanette Pelletier (10:45) Jaida Gehring, Kai Legvold
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Norma Gilbertson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Jim and Sue Sharrow, Bob Tabery (10:45) Kibby Errington, Pat Tabery
Coffee and Refreshments	Barb Eaves, Martha Erickson, Norma Gilbertson, Suzanne Pfau, Jim Sharrow
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Wil Brosz, Marilyn Calcutt, Ted Peterson, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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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 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, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Angie Johnson Groth, Carol Stubbs

All who are homebound, including

Elouise Quinnell, Elizabeth Trangsrud, Linda Beckman

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 29):

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 † Psalm 22:25-31 † 1 John 4:7-21 † John 15:1-8

Welcome New Members

Those affirming their faith today at the 10:45 a.m. worship service:

Isabella (Izzy) Anderson, Jim and Rachel Brownlee, Owen, Jonah, and Jacob,
Amber and Jeff Damm, Ava and Ezra, Randy and Valorie Denison, Kathleen Hanson,
Fred Huemoeller, Louise Lurye, Jerry Ugland

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 22):

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)

Forum: The Bible and Transgender Christians w/Austen Hartke (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

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

Accompany (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

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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 (April 29 and May 6) 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!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Joe Shaw's birthday by his daughters. 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 and June 3, 10 & 17. 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., St. John's Hall

Today's Topic - *Transforming: The Bible and Transgender Christians*, with Austen Hartke

Austen Hartke, who grew up at St. John's, is an Old Testament scholar and the author of a new book, *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*. Austen's work has centered about understanding, interpreting, and sharing parts of the Bible that relate to gender identity and the lives of transgender individuals. Join us for a conversation with Austen at 9:45 a.m.

Personal Care Kit Collection Begins

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

- thin dark bath towels
- sturdy, wide-tooth combs
- nail clippers
- bath bar size soap (4-5 oz.)
- (no toothbrushes)

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

Hymn Festival by John Ferguson

Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at Boe Chapel, St. Olaf

St. John's member John Ferguson is receiving the Distinguished Artist award from the American Guild of Organists; the celebration includes a hymn festival led by John at 7:30 pm in Boe Chapel. The hymn festival is free and open to the public. The St. John's Chorale is singing as part of the massed choir conducted by Anton Armstrong.

Glorious Trombones!

Saturday, April 28, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

The Northfield Arts Guild and Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra present Glorious Trombones! The combined concert features The Rochester Trombones (Trombones Anonymous) and The Northfield Trombones. Music from the Renaissance, Classical, and Romantic periods as well as marches and jazz pieces. A free will offering will be accepted at the door.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Retirement Community Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 29, 1:00 p.m., NRC Chapel

Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

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 this site: <https://goo.gl/forms/oDujkhUOdYoAHY563>

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

	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, April 25: <i>Chicken Alfredo</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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Reminder of Deadlines:

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

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

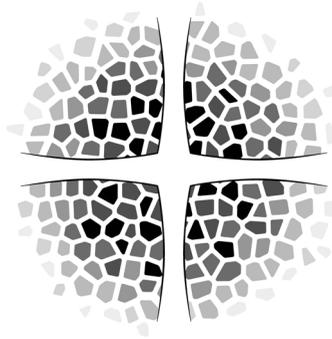
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Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, April 23	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday, April 24	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Laura Baker: Employee Appreciation Dinner, St. John's Hall Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., April 25	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 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 Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall Confirmation (Grade 9) High School Youth Group, Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, April 26	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
Friday, April 27	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, April 28	7:00 p.m.	Trombone Concert, St. John's Hall
Sunday, April 29	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12) Worship / Nursery



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