

"Supper at Emmaus" He Qi, © 2014

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 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** — Chaconne in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

## Welcome and Announcements

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### \*Gathering Hymn — “On Emmaus’ Journey”

HOLY MANNA

*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!

Text: Herman Stuempfle Jr. © 2001 National Association of Pastoral Musicians, admin. GIA.

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P** 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.

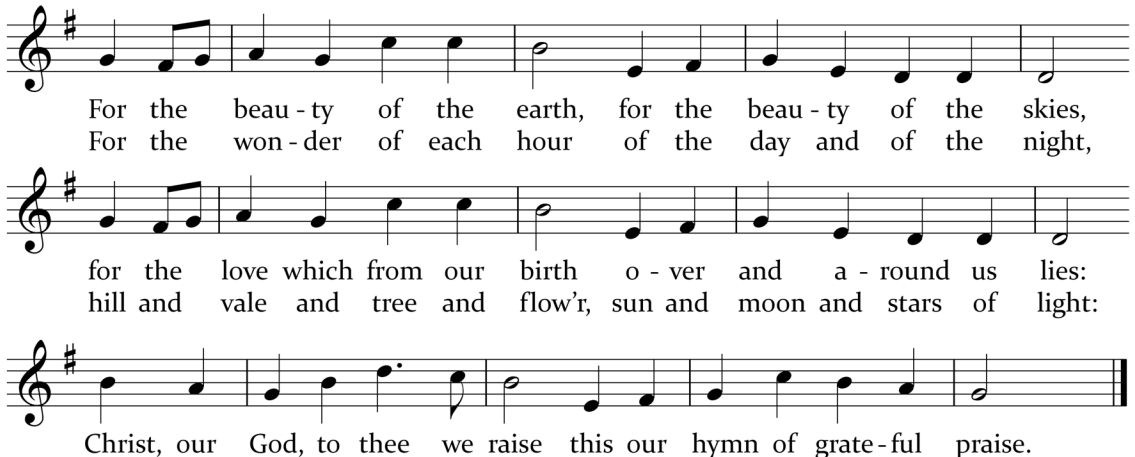
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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. **C Amen.**

## \*Hymn of Praise — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX



For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

## \*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** O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of the 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. **C Amen.**

## **HEARING GOD’S WORD**

### **Children’s Message**

#### **First Reading — Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

#### **Second Reading — 1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

### \*Gospel Acclamation



### \*Gospel — John 24:13-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then 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?” <sup>19</sup>He 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, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But 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. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and 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. <sup>24</sup>Some 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.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But 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. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They 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?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then 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.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Day of Arising”

RAABE

Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,  
 un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.  
 When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is brok - en,  
 Grant us your vi - sions, set all hearts burn - ing  
 and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

**\*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:*

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

### **\*Peace**

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

- C** And also with you.

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering:*

"Day of Arising"

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

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


- P** 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.
- C** 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:  Amen.

## \*Sending Hymn — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



All crea - tures of our God and King,  
O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft,  
O flow - ing wa - ters, pure and clear,  
Dear moth - er earth, who day and by day

Lift up your voice with us and sing:  
O clouds that ride the winds and a - loft:  
Make mu - sic for your Lord to hear.  
Un - folds rich bless - ings on our way,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam And  
O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, O  
O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, Pro -  
The fruits and flow'rs that ver - dant grow, Let

sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
lights of eve - ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him!  
vid - ing us with warmth and light,  
them his praise a - bun - dant show.

Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, tr. William H. Draper.

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** — “Tuba Tune in D Major”

Craig Seller Lang



**SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Norrie Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims

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**Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 3):**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Kathleen Shea. 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.

**Video of this week's** service along with previous weeks (from March 29 until current) are available from the home page at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Audio recording of the sermon will be archived under the worship tab of the website. If you wish to have a text copy of the sermon mailed to you, please contact the church office. Other helpful links and resources will be posted as they become available on the COVID-19 page on the St. John's website and on the St. John's Facebook page.

**May 3 we honor our high school graduates in the radio worship at 8:30 a.m.** At 11:00 a.m. that same morning we will gather by Zoom for a remote Holy Communion service. You will have opportunity to congratulate these graduates in the Zoom gathering and see the faces of these young people graduating. Watch the e-news for the link for this special worship gathering.

## **Northfield Area Fire & Rescue "Feed the Need"**

**Sunday, May 3, 9:00-11:00 a.m., 1651 Jefferson Parkway**

The Annual Northfield Area Fire Department food drive has taken on a new "look" this year! Even though they can't go door to door throughout our community with fire trucks and volunteers, they know that the Community Action Center's Food Shelf needs our support now more than ever, as many families in our community are impacted by COVID-19. To that end, they are working with CAC to organize a "Feed the Need" opportunity where anyone from the community can bring food donations directly to CAC's Food Shelf. CAC has created a safe way to simply drive up and leave donations outside. And many health and safety precautions are in place at the food shelf to safely receive donations. The food shelf is happy to accept non-perishable donations within 2 years of the "best by" date.

## **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).

# **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](http://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](http://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*

Marlene Engstrom  
Chuck Houge  
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 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 Westerbach, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Dorothy Ostlie,  
Lyla Arneson Paulson, Carol Carlson

*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.

## **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)).**

<b>Monday, Apr. 27</b>	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Youth Open Door: Virtual Brunch Break & Worship via Zoom Virtual Manna & Mercy via Zoom Virtual Pub Theology
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 28</b>	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Tuesday Zoom Coffee Break 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism Gathering via Zoom Church Council Meeting via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, Apr. 29</b>	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break
<b>Thursday, Apr. 30</b>	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Youth Open Door: Virtual Brunch Break & Worship via Zoom Thursday Zoom Coffee Break via Zoom
<b>Friday, May 1</b>	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Friday Zoom Coffee Break via Zoom Middle School Zoom Deeper Connections High School Zoom Deeper Connections
<b>Saturday, May 2</b>	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Women: Boomer's Group via Zoom
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast Remote Holy Communion via Zoom Kitchen & Worship with Youth & Families via Zoom



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