



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025 † 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.



*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 — “Thine Is the Glory”

Cynthia Dobrinski

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 376

“Thine Is the Glory”

*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 of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands
of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and
strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
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 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 150, “Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord. Praise God
Praise God in this ho - ly place. Shout God's
Praise God with the pluck - ing string, cym - bal

with each note and word. Praise God for God's
pow'r through time and space. Ev - 'ry - thing that
clang, and hand - bell ring. Praise with u - ni -

might - y ways, who with love ex - alts our days.
breathes, pro - claim praise and hon - or to God's name.
son and chord. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!

Psalm paraphrase: Marie J. Post, 1974, alt. © 1974 Faith Alive Christian Resources; Music: Pierre de Corbeil

Second Reading — Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 20:19-31

Spark Story Bible, page 492; Pew Bible, page 882

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Lisa Kipp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 635

“We Walk by Faith”

*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

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

(8:30) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Cathy Moglebust

(10:45) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Frank Ferko

*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed
sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our
Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er
end - ing! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Offering Prayer

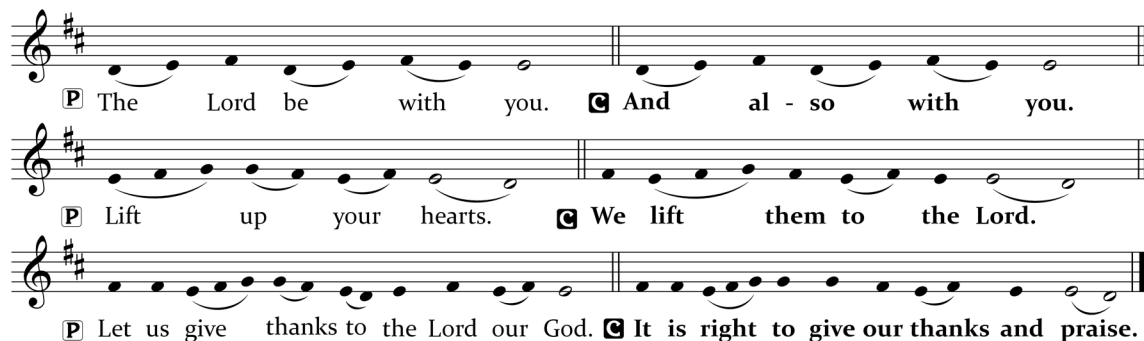
L Let us pray.

C 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

*Great Thanksgiving

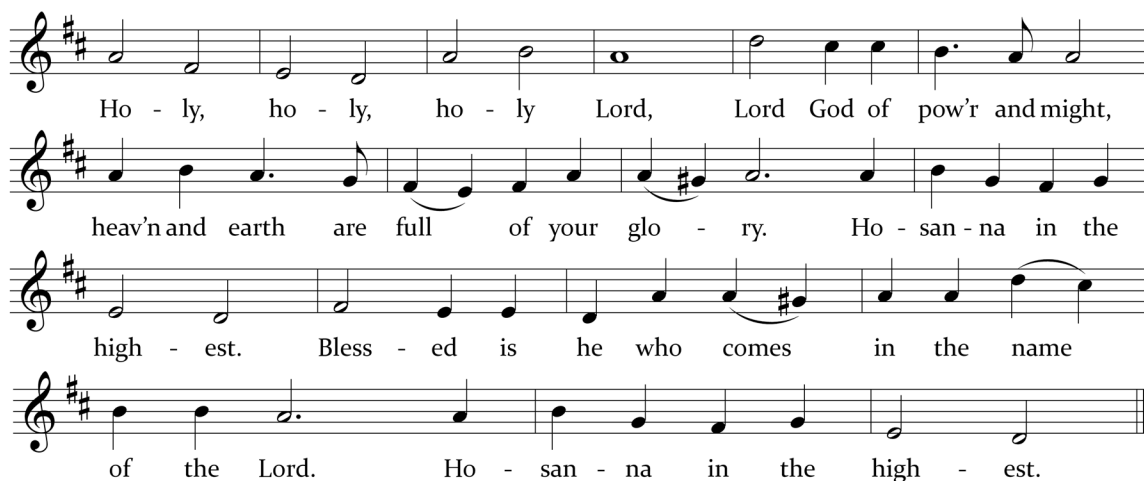


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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. 390

"The Risen Christ"

Hymn — ELW No. 464

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 363

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — on GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Robert Buckley Farlee



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Rev. Lisa Kipp
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Ruth Smestad Anglin (10:45) Dimi DeRose
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Craig Schultz
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece, Karen Schuette
Counters	David Nitz, Bill Rizzo, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Leif Knecht, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Todd Menssen, Bob Nyvall, Mark Rydberg, Eric Sponheim

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 4):

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 † Psalm 30 † Revelation 5:11-14 † John 21:1-19

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 27)

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: Rev. Lisa Kipp with Lutheran World Relief (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (May 4)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Pastor Jonathan's 10-Year Anniversary Recognition (9:45–10:30 a.m., 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)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Joe Shaw's 100th birthday from his daughters, Mary, Margaret, Betsy, and Nancy. 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 Leah Garlie.

Today at the 10:45 a.m. worship service, 3rd Graders are invited to take communion from the pottery cups they created at our Communion Retreat earlier this year. We will also be serving the communion bread they made at the retreat!

St. John's Forum: Rev. Lisa Kipp from Lutheran World Relief
Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Pastor Jonathan Davis marks ten years at St. John's

Next Sunday, May 4, we will celebrate Pastor Jonathan's tenth anniversary of service to St. John's with a reception in St. John's Hall at 9:45 a.m. The Stewardship Board will provide special treats, and the Executive Committee will lead a brief time of appreciation at 10:00 a.m. If you cannot be there for the day of the celebration, we invite you to send Pastor Davis a note, care of the church office, at 500 Third St. West, Northfield, MN 55057.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, April 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggz

This week's topic: "dehumanization." There are a variety of ways that our communities can make individuals or groups of people into "others." How do we human beings continually fall prey to the tendency to deny the humanity of others? What ways have you seen this happen in your own thinking? Our article discusses what happens when dehumanization goes big, and what safeguards we can place in our hearts and in our communities to stop it.

Documentary & Discussion: "When My Time Comes"

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Sanctuary

The Faith & Health Board invites you to participate in viewing and discussing the thought-provoking documentary *When My Time Comes* about medical aid in dying. Raymond De Vries will facilitate a discussion following the 55-minute film. Ray is Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan's Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine.

Courageous Conversations Series Continues with the theme, "We Belong to One Another."

Thursday, May 1, 7:00–8:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

Photographer and Carleton Assistant Art Professor, Xavier Tavera, will present "Visible and Invisible Borders." Tavera's talk will share insights from his travels on the concept of "border." This will include an invitation to reflect on international and national human interactions, and how we might resist abrasive narratives that contribute to separation and hate.

Announcements (continued)

Last Sunday of Sunday School on May 11, “Spring into Summer” Event

“Spring into Summer” with an intergenerational event in St. John’s Hall from 9:45–10:30, including fun activities like building a birdhouse, creating seed bombs, boat racing, cotton candy, hiking sticks, games, and more! Plus, delicious strawberry desserts! Hope to see you there!

- Sign up to bring your favorite strawberry dessert to share. Ideas are pie, cake, crisp, cobbler, bars, cookies, pastries, etc. Whatever you dream up! St. John’s will provide whipped topping. A few helpers for plating desserts, serving coffee, and cleaning up are also needed. Sign up in the Commons, or contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, or sign up in CCB under Strawberry Sunday.

Celebrating 150 Years of St. John’s Women

Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.–Noon, St. John’s Hall

On Saturday, May 10, we will kick off our year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of women’s contributions to the work of St. John’s. We invite all women (she/her, they/them) of the congregation to join us in recognizing this milestone. Please stop by the registration table in the Commons to reserve your seat. There is no cost to attend. If you would like to volunteer to make egg dishes or muffins or set up decorations and tables to help make this event extra special, please find us at the table between services.

Children and Youth

3rd Grade Catechism Retreat

Saturday, May 3, 10:30 a.m., Undercroft

3rd graders, along with a parent/guardian, are invited to attend a retreat on the Sacrament of Baptism. Please contact [Julie Brehmer](#) if you are unable to attend.

Road Trip: On the Go with God!

VBS is hosted by St. John’s, Bethel, and St. Peter’s Lutheran Churches and Emmaus Church.

When: Monday, June 9–Thursday, June 12, from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Ages: Entering K–Grade 3, Fall 2025

Where: St. John’s Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/child; \$30/family, payable the first day of VBS

Scan the QR code to register.



Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations Are Now Open

Northfield Week is June 22–27

Good Earth Village, located in Spring Valley, is open for 2025 summer registration online. Check out the schedule and registration fees on Good Earth Village’s website at <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. St. John’s gifts each camper a portion of the fee. Registration Discount: Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025.

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, Carol Schoen, Jenn Cohorst, Maralee Sission (mother of Tamara Jackman), Kent Rommereim, Lainey Smith (granddaughter of Dodie and Gordie Mickelsen)

Those celebrating the birth of

Sigrid Lilja Cheadle Pearson, daughter of Alyssa Cheadle and Paul Pearson
Addison Violet Monson, daughter of Holly and Mark Monson

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Charles Hanson (father of Lori Skoglund)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings

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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, April 30:
Enchilada Bake with Salad

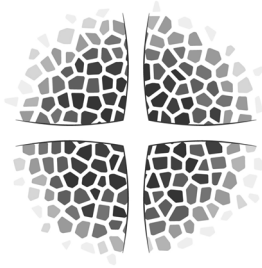
All are welcome!

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. 28	9:00 a.m.	Out 'N About, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggz
Tuesday, Apr. 29	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	10:30 a.m.	Writing Group: "Inspired Pens", St. John's Library
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Event, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	"When My Time Comes" Documentary/Discussion, Sanctuary
Wednesday, Apr. 30	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
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, May 1	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, May 2	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 3	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Grade CAT Retreat, Undercroft
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Jeanne Narum, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Jeanne Narum, Sanctuary
Sunday, May 4	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship (Baptism - Valerie McGuire), Sanctuary



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*
Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*
Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
Arturo Rosas, *Custodial Associate*
David Sims, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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.*