

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2019 — 8:30 AND 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!

We are grateful to share this time of worship with you!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

Please pass them down to the center and then back so you can greet those worshipping around you. Ushers will gather these following worship.

*An * invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

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.

For our youngest worshippers,

nursery care is available on the lower level for children under 5.

You may choose to take them there after the Children's Message and return with them for Holy Communion.

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.

Grace Overflows!

Today we celebrate the gifts of the many creative and artistic visionaries of this congregation. These liturgical composers, painters, sculptors, graphic designers, poets, architects, and many others, still today contribute to our rich worship experience at St. John's. We invite you to look and listen with fresh eyes and ears. Maybe it's music you haven't heard before, or a painting you pass by but haven't ever stopped to notice the details — today is a day for your senses! We are excited to share this tradition with you and we look forward to what new art and music await us in the future.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Consider the Lilies

Why couldn't everyone
some Easter Sunday noon
glance in the ditch as I did
just below the church-top hill
see the snow run off in sunny rivulets
slam the wagon to a skidding stop,
then look at lilies in full bloom,
their heads in sky
their roots
in thawing
Minnesota
mud.
I slipped my shoes and stockings off
rolled up my suitpants
waded in
(Did water ever feel so cold?)
and plucked a few to carry home
telling my family
and myself
in ways in which the church
can only hint
that life eternal
springs from coldest waters
and blossoms well
in slightly thawing earth.

-Steve Swanson

Prelude — “In Quiet Joy”

John Ferguson

- I. “This Joyful Eastertide”
- II. “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
- III. “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

Composed for Ruth Ferguson, St. John's organist from 1983-2009

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Greeting and Dialogue**

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.

P Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.

C God’s mercy endures forever.

P Let all God’s people now declare

C God’s mercy endures forever!

P The LORD is my strength and my song

C And has become my salvation.

P I shall not die but live.

C And declare the works of the LORD.

***Hymn of Praise** — “This is the Feast”

Front of hymnal — page 149

***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Acts 5:27-32

Pew Bible, page 889

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

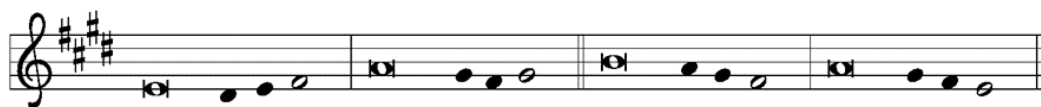
C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 150

Antiphon: arr. Oscar R. Overby

Director of the Junior Choir at St. John's from 1931-1947

*Antiphon: My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light.*



¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the | mighty firmament.

²Praise God for | mighty acts;
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.

³Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp.

⁴Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;
praise God with | strings and pipe.

⁵Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

⁶Let everything | that has breath
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Revelation 1:4-8

Pew Bible, page 994

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 20:19-31**

Spark Story Bible, page 492; Pew Bible, page 883

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter. ☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☒ Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — 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

- Ⓐ The peace of the risen 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:

"The King of Love"

ST. COLUMBA, arr. Paul J. Christiansen

The King of love my shepherd is whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

-Henry Williams Baker

St. John's Church Music Interns

*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds," stanza 4 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

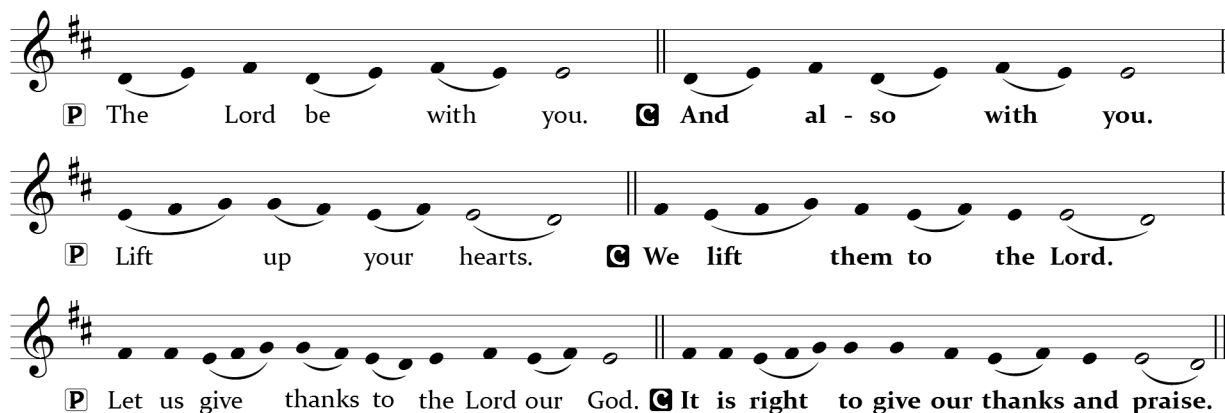
end - ing! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray.
- ☩ **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth.**
Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



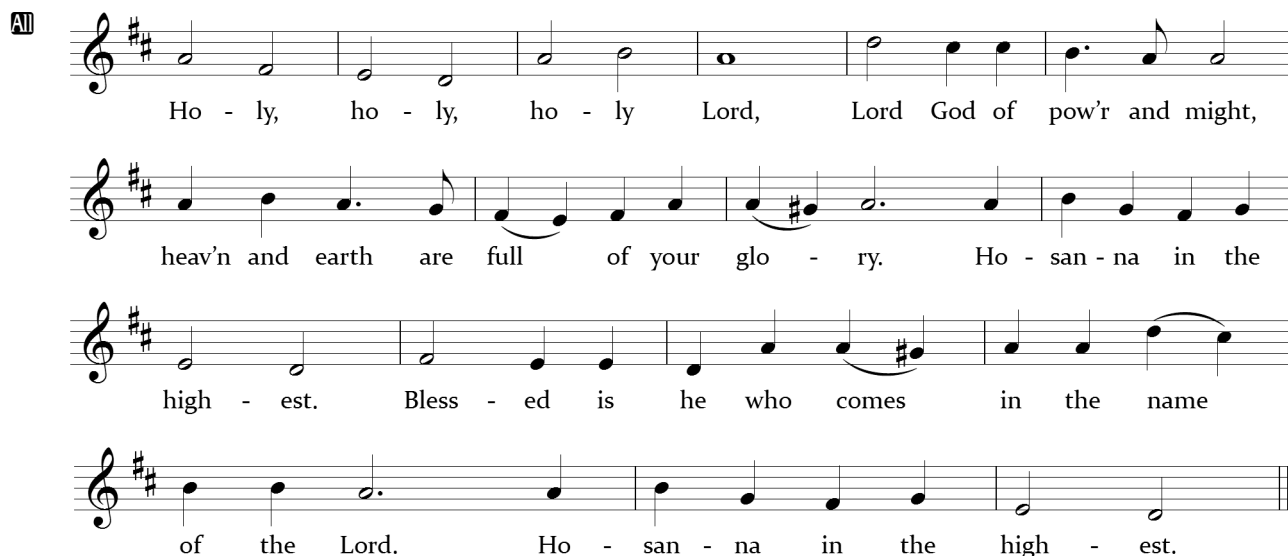
Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains two phrases: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff contains two phrases: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains two phrases: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Four staves of musical notation in G major. The lyrics are: '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.'

All

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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

- P** O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise...
- P** Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
- C** Amen.
- P** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
- C** Amen.
- P** Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
- C** Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

All 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

Anthem — “Lamb of God”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Choir director and organist at St. John's from 1903-1945

*Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer, patient
still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer; our sins by Thee
were taken, or hope had us forsaken: have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

Solo — “Meditation on ‘O Bread of Life from Heaven’”

G. Winston Cassler

Organist at St. John's from 1951-1985

Hymn — No. 379

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Hymn — “Hymn of Promise”

PROMISE

The musical score for 'Hymn of Promise' is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree; There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word, and mel - o - dy; In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty; in co - coons, a hid - den pro - mise: but - ter - flies will soon be free! there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be, From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y, In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Text and Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1986, © Hope Publishing Company

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

A Living God,
you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you,
send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

***Dismissal**

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

L Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude — *Festival Piece, No. 1*

Dagfinn Moe



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Church Music Interns	Greta Ramsey, soprano; Julia Woodring, alto Logan Combs, Jonah Herzog, tenor Eugene Sandel, Aaron Musser, bass
Acolytes	(8:30) Owen Brownlee, Austin Mathre (10:45) Ava Little, Kailee Jo Little
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Alyssa Ness, Jane Rinehart (10:45) Christy Hall-Holt, Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparer	Barb Eaves
Communion Servers	Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson
Communion Cleanup	Norma Gilbertson
Greeters/Welcome Desk	(8:30) Joann Bell, Elizabeth Wicks (10:45) Kibby Errington, Elizabeth Wicks
Coffee and Refreshments	Carol Benson, Herb and Pat Fick, Darlene Hand, Mike Roth, Kathy Vang, Elizabeth Wicks
Nursery	Erica Anderson, Hanna Anderson
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Char Carlson, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist



The next event celebrating St. John's 150th anniversary is today!

During the Forum, we will highlight the contributions to St. John's by
liturgical composers, artists, and architects.

Through the past 150 years, these composers, artists, and architects have made significant contributions
to St. John's, and in many cases the contributions extend far beyond our church walls.

Displays by the artists and architects will be in the Sanctuary, St. John's Hall,
the Commons, the Fireside Room, and the Library.

During the Forum, Nathan Proctor will speak about the contributions of St. John's composers,
and Judy Swanson will speak about art and architecture at St. John's.

Jeff Sauve will speak about the original Resurrection Window that is being restored for the 150th anniversary.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the rich history of St. John's and the arts.

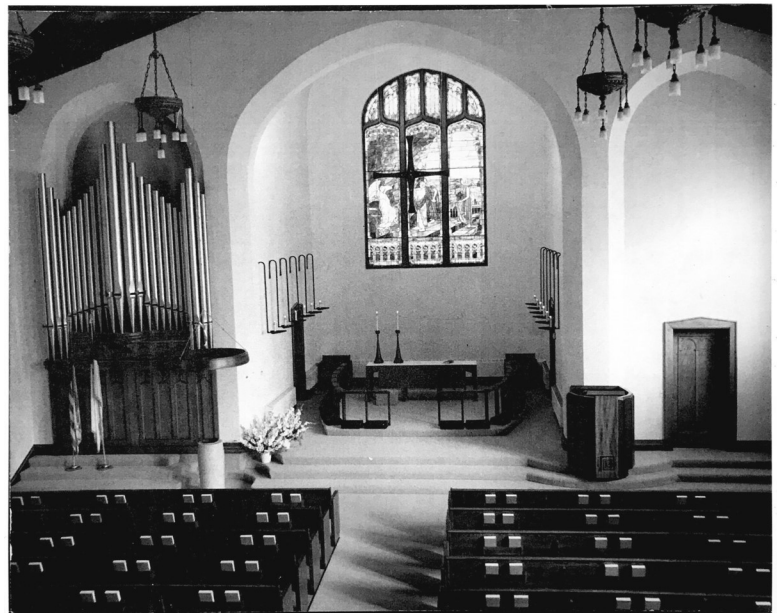


1913



Resurrection Window detail
Photograph by John Walters

The Architecture of St. John's Sanctuary



1962



1965



Andover organ, 1965

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Loretta Siler by family and friends. 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 by phone. Help us keep this ministry alive and sponsor a broadcast! Dates available: May 26 and June 2, 16 & 23. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV) – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

In celebration of 150 years of Grace Overflowing, St. John's is offering a commemorative reproduction of the Good Shepherd Window, designed by John Walters.

Reproductions will be for sale between services beginning today in conjunction with the Sesquicentennial celebration of artists through May 15. They will again be for sale the weekend of October 24, during the capstone weekend. Cost is \$20.

St. John's Wednesday Night Meals

Let's get together for dinner - come share a meal! It's a fantastic time for fellowship for all ages. Supper is served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall. This Wednesday, May 1, will be Chef's Choice. All are welcome!

#Me Too: May's Courageous Conversation

Friday, May 3, 2:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Jenny Nystrom will tell her personal story. Time for table conversation with counselors and Stephen Ministers will follow. Refreshments will be provided. For women only.

St. John's Forum

Sunday, May 5, 9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

TEDxStJohns: Robert Nyvall - Joseph's Technicolor Dream Coat and Other Ways Plant Diseases Have Affected Culture

In a new forum series we are calling "TEDxStJohn's", a St. John's member will give a TED Talk style presentation on ideas or stories that are worth sharing. In this edition, St. John's member Robert Nyvall will share his expertise on plant biology and diseases and how human history and culture has been impacted by them.

St. John's Jubilate and Laudate Choirs Spring Musical

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Come hear the story of Zacchaeus in the musical "Hurry on Down" by Donald Marsh.

Enjoy the St. John's Wednesday Night Meal and stay for the musical!

Learn more about Islam and participate in interfaith conversation at an Iftar dinner sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches in partnership with local mosques. Pastor Pam will be coordinating a group on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Rosemount. Pastor Jonathan will take a group on Thursday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Bloomington. Pre-registration is required. Contact the pastors or sign up on their office door to learn how to register.

The Southeastern MN Synod will be electing a new bishop at its next assembly May 31-June 1.

In preparation, there are opportunities to hear from the seven candidates lifted up at conference assemblies:

- Monday, May 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John's in Waseca
- Tuesday, May 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at United Redeemer in Zumbrota
- Thursday, May 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Zion in Stewartville

Any ELCA member may attend these sessions, and we encourage you to do so!

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

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

Solveig Bailey, Bob Matta, Eulalie Smestad, Vernon Westrud

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Audrey Pleschourt

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Karen Swenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Arlene Sivanich, Richard Olson, Virley Brown

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; 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 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.

This Week's Schedule

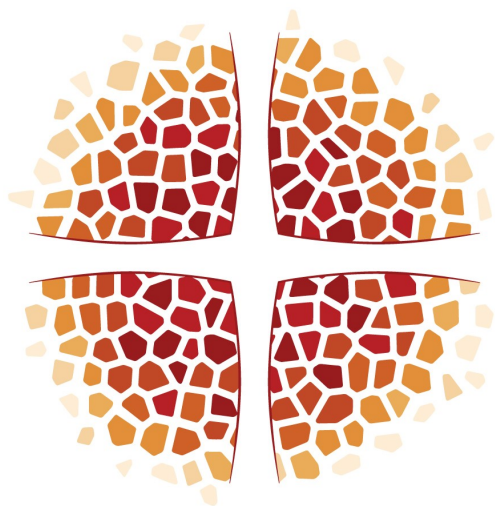
Mon., April 29	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
Tues., April 30	8:45 a.m.	Sail (Stay Active and Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Visitation - Audrey Pleschourt, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Audrey Pleschourt, Sanctuary
Wed., May 1	9:30 a.m.	3 Link Communion, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Snack (Grades K-5), St. John's Hall
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
		"DOG" (Grades 3-5), Lower Level
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Kids Club (Grades K-2), Fellowship Hall
		Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
		Homework Café (Grade 5), Resource Room
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	5:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study
	5:30 p.m.	3rd Grade CAT Retreat, Undercroft
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thurs., May 2	6:15 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Fri., May 3	8:45 a.m.	Sail (Stay Active and Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations with Jenny Nystrom, St. John's Hall
Sat., May 4		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sun., May 5	8:30 a.m.	Worship/Nursery (Baptism)
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
		Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday School Rooms
		Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
		St. John's Forum, Sanctuary
		Toddler Time, Room 14
		Accompany Newcomer Gathering, Undercroft
	10:45 a.m.	Worship/Nursery (Affirmation of Baptism)
	12:15 p.m.	Accompany Welcome Luncheon, St. John's Hall

Acknowledgments

Cover art by Jill Enestvedt.

Portions of the liturgy are reprinted from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #14028-LIT. Other liturgical aids are from *Sundays and Seasons* © 2010 Augsburg Fortress.

Liturgy Setting: Four. Reprinted with permission.



St. John's

ELCA NORTHFIELD • MN

500 Third Street West

Northfield, MN 55057

507-645-4429

office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

www.StJohnsNorthfield.org

Pam Fickenscher, *Senior Pastor*

Jonathan Davis, *Associate Pastor*

Carol Benson, *Director of Jubilate Choir*

Melissa Berthelsen, *Parish Nurse*

Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Tim Byers, *Facility Manager*

Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager*

Angie Gehring / Emerson Clay, *Youth Support Staff*

Angie Gehring / Christy Hall-Holt, *Shared Ministry Coordinators*

Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*

Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.