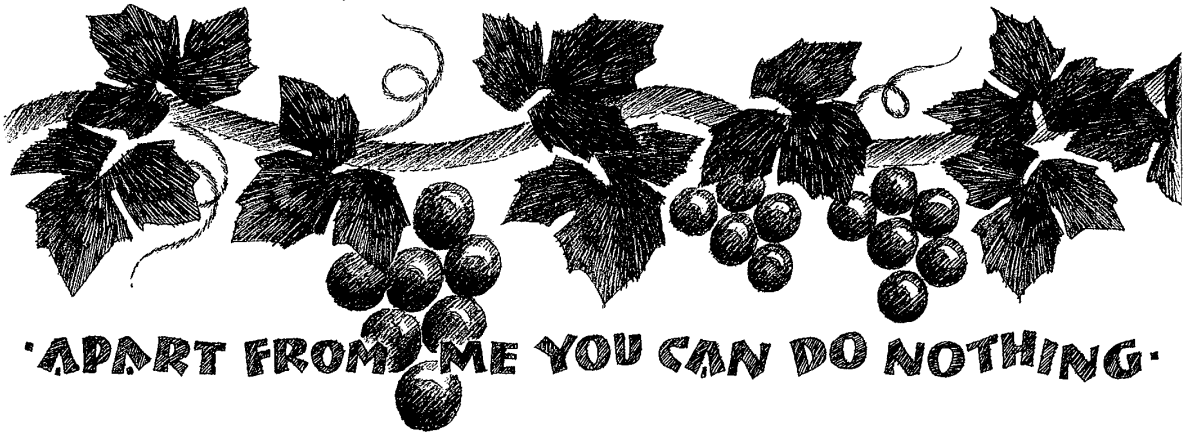


· I AM THE VINE · YOU ARE THE BRANCHES ·



· APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING ·

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 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 — “Allegro molto” from *Sonata VI*
Sam Long, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “We Come with Joy”
Alleluia Choir

John Erickson

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- ☐ For these waters of life,
- ☑ **We give you thanks, O God.**

*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.**

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

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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 8:26-40

Pew Bible, page 892

After the reading:

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

(8:30) **Psalmody** — Psalm 22:25-31

Antiphon: Mark Mummert

*Antiphon: All of us go down to the dust,
yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia!*



- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" *Antiphon*

(10:45) **Anthem** — "I Give You Thanks"

Jody W. Lindh

Jubilate Choir

Second Reading — 1 John 4:7-21

Pew Bible, page 991

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 15:1-8

Spark Story Bible, page 452; Pew Bible, page 878

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 447

“O Blessed Spring”

***The Nicene Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 104*

*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) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

David Cherwien

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "O Blessed Spring"

Mark Sedio

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer.

Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*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 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.

*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.

On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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.

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Love Is Your Call"

arr. Nancy Gifford

Hymn — No. 690

"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord"

Hymn — No. 384

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

***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. 449

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

***Dismissal**

℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

Keith Kolander



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Martin Thorsheim
Organists	Nathan Proctor Sam Long, Church Music Intern
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Alleluia Choir, Carol Benson, director Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director
Piano	(10:45) Marcia Yernberg
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Dick Dahlin, Jane Rinehart (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Christy Hall-Holt
Acolytes	(8:30) Devon Root, JJ Root (10:45) Kaylee Malecha, Stefany Perez
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Servers	(8:30) Phil and Barb Eaves (10:45) TBD
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Barb Eaves, Suzanne Pfau (10:45) Kibby Errington, Jim Sharrow
Coffee and Refreshments	Carol Benson, Pat Fick, Norma Gilbertson, Doug Johnson, Jon Kerr, Mike Roth
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Gordon Jorgenson, David Norman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug

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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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Nordis Christenson

Family of Angie Johnson Groth (sister of Doug Johnson)

Family of Arlene Kluver (mother of Rusty Kluver)

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, Carol Stubbs

All who are homebound, including

Maggie Lindell, Lillian Anderson, Elaine Feroe

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 (May 6):

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48 † Psalm 98 † 1 John 5:1-6 † John 15:9-17

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 29):

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 Key and the Nfld Union of Youth with Scott Wopata (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

Next Week (May 6):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, 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: Youth Ministry in the 21st Century - Youth Transition Team (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

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 next Sunday between services in the Fireside Room. If you'd like to know more, please come to one or both 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!

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, May 2:
Sloppy Joes

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Roger and Lee Mahachek by Beverly Mahachek. 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., Sanctuary

Today's Topic: *The Key and the Northfield Union of Youth, with Scott Wopata and Northfield Youth*

The Northfield Union of Youth (NUY) has a mission to provide power and voice to area youth and to create a caring and enriching community. One part of this mission is The Key, a substance-free, youth-run, youth center supported with leadership and resources by NUY. It is a safe place for youth to feel welcome, encouraged, and an opportunity to get connected with adults and the Northfield community. Join us for a conversation presented by Scott Wopata, the Director of The Key, and other Northfield Youth.

St. John's Welcomes Global Visitors this Wednesday, May 2

On Wednesday evening during our regular Wednesday programming, St. John's will welcome Bishop Alex Mkumbo of the central diocese of Tanzania, and Bishop Atahualpa and Pastor Angelica from Colombia. All three are in Minnesota for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod's Assembly on May 4 & 5. We will formally welcome them during the Wednesday meal at 5:45 p.m. Bishop Alex will also be preaching at daily chapel at St. Olaf at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 3.

Northfield Retirement Community Annual Meeting

Today, 1:00 p.m., NRC Chapel

Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

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.

Announcements (continued)

The Work Begins!

Two of our anniversary capital projects begin this week and will cause some disruption to the Sanctuary for the week: work on the Good Shepherd window will begin Monday afternoon. In addition, our new HVAC unit installation will begin, which requires shutting down heat in the Sanctuary for the week. If you run cold, consider dressing warmly for worship on May 6. THANK YOU for your generous gifts that are allowing this important restoration and updating of our facility to begin.

Catechism Retreat for 3rd Graders and Parent(s)

Wednesday, May 2, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Undercroft

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited to attend our last Catechism retreat of the year. The topic is the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please contact Julie Brehmer if you are unable to attend.

Latino (and Friends)

Thursday, May 3, 1:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Northfield High School's ESL class will enlighten us with homegrown poetry and stories about immigrant families. Refreshments served. Sponsored by St. John's Women and Adult Ministry & Education Board.

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

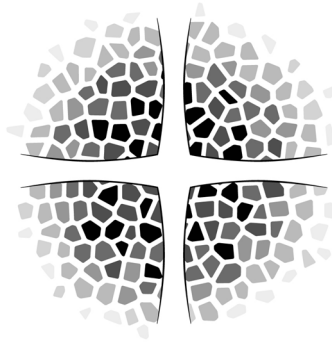
St. John's Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5) Presents the Musical, "Elijah!"

Wednesday, May 9, 6:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

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

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, April 30	9:00 a.m.	Visitation - Nordis Christenson, Commons
	10:00 a.m.	Funeral - Nordis Christenson, Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 1	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Northfielders for Justice & Peace, Fireside Room
Wed., May 2	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Nfld Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:00 p.m.	Global Mission Team, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	5:30 p.m.	3rd Grade CAT Retreat, Undercroft
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		Confirmation (Grade 9)
		High School Youth Group, Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, May 3	1:00 p.m.	Latino (and Friends) - Women of St. John's, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
		Girl Scout Troop #20065, Undercroft
Friday, May 4	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 5	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
Sunday, May 6	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (High School Senior Recognition)
	12:00 p.m.	High School Senior Recognition Lunch, St. John's Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester, Sanctuary



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