

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023 † 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 — Variations on “Earth, Earth, Awake!”

Robert Powell

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ACS No. 937

“Earth, Earth, Awake!”

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

☑ Amen.

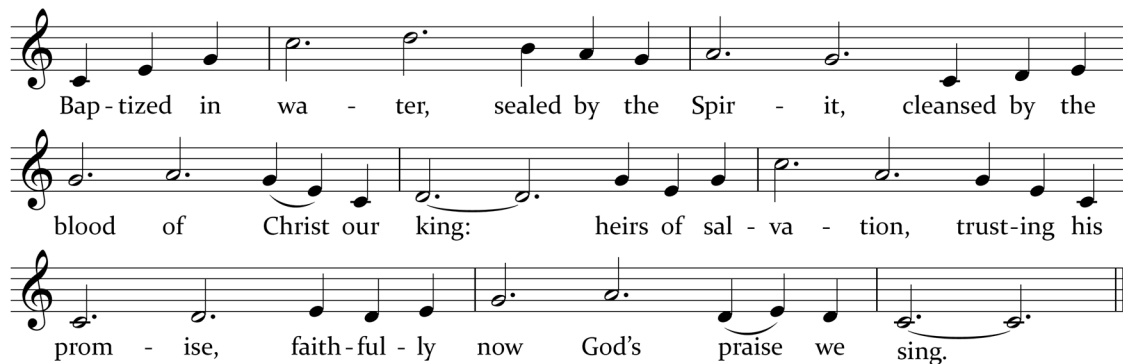
☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism . . .

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

☑ Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

*Response Hymn — “Baptized in Water” stanza 1

BUNESSAN



Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, cleansed by the
blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal-va-tion, trust-ing his
prom-ise, faith-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.

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*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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 — Ezekiel 34:7-15

⁷Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them. ¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the water-courses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

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

Psalmody — Psalm 23

(8:30) “The 23rd Psalm”

Bobby McFerrin

(10:45) “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

PISGAH, arr. John Ferguson

For anthem text, see ELW No. 778.

St. John’s Chorale

*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 10:1-10

Spark Story Bible, page 436

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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 — ELW No. 502

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — high voices

Stanza 3 — low voices

Stanza 4 — in harmony

Stanza 5-6 — all

(8:30) ***The Nicene Creed**

Front ELW hymnal, page 104

(10:45) **Rite of Welcome**

We welcome:

David & Sara Bright

Bob & Pat Carlson

Jim & Ellen Ellickson

Greta Matzner-Gore

Janell Martin

Ramona Revne

Chuck & Julie Cannon

Dan & Carrie Dauner

Gary & Christine Engstrom

Janet Marti

Scott & Elaine Nesbit

***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:

“As the Showers that Water the Earth”

David Sims

As the showers that water the earth, as the rains that awaken the wood, so comes God to the hidden and hurt with healing, and good. The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Every beast of the forest is God's, and God knows all that moves in the field, so such love is our waking and cause; by God all our harrows are healed. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. Let us turn then to God and adore; let us kneel in that generous gaze, so that God may bind up and restore a people for mercy and praise. Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm. Let the players of dirges depart, let the mourners their wailing now cease, for our God comes to waken the heart with healing, and peace.

– Susan Palo Cherwien, Psalm 50

*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!

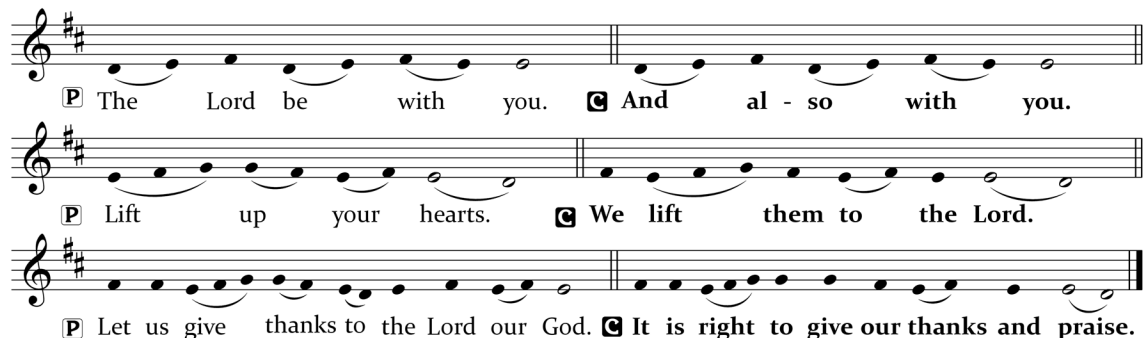
*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

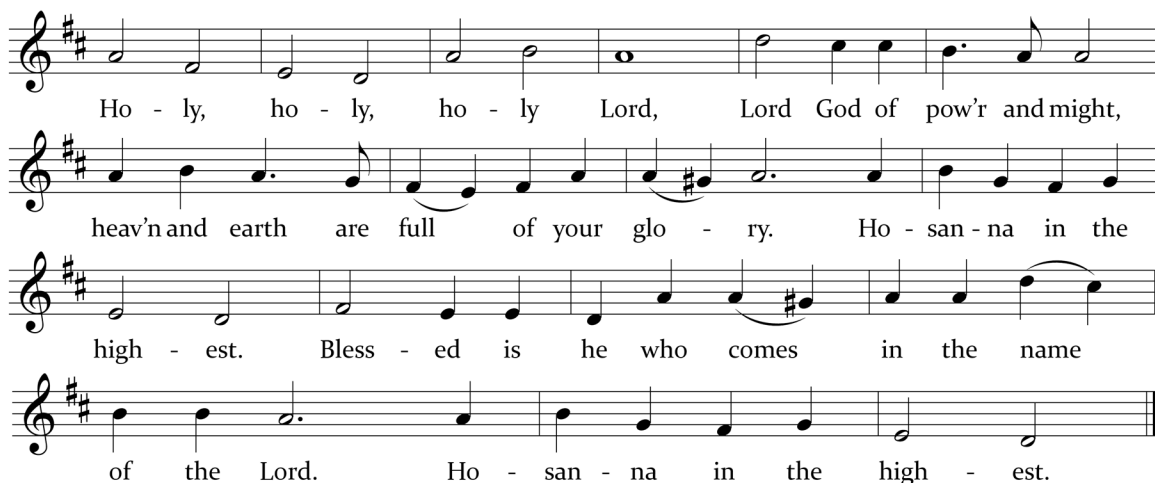


P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

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

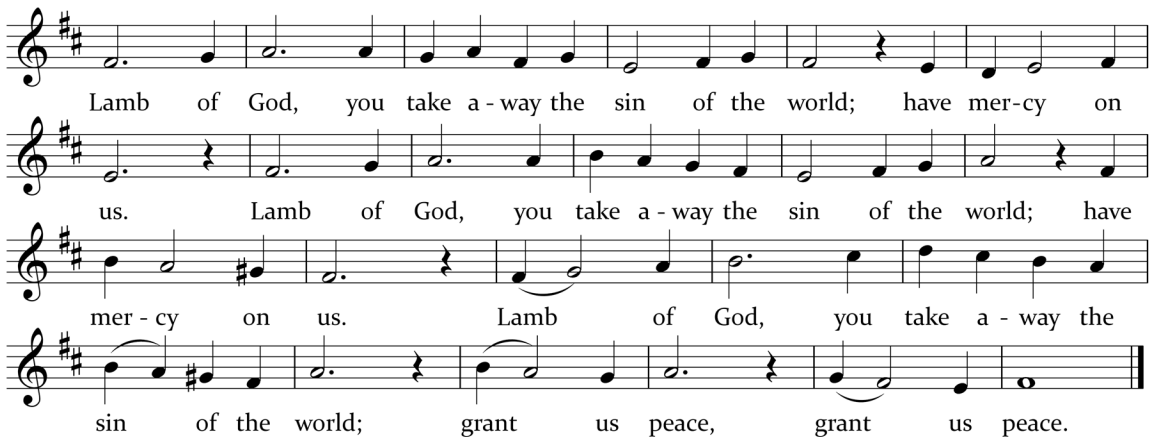
*The Lord's Prayer

**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. 764

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Solo — "Aria"

Flor Peeters

Luke Sargent, trumpet

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Epilogue”

Norman Gilbert



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Gordon Moore (10:45) Sara and David Bright
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Trumpet	Luke Sargent
Cantors	(8:30) Taylor Dirks, soprano; Abby Carter, alto Noah Smith, tenor; Ethan Jones, bass
Choir	(10:45) St. John's Chorale
Communion Service	Angie Gehring, David and Debby Nitz
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Counters	Sue Brockman, David Nitz, Michelle Kramer-Prevost
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Eric Sponheim

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 30)

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)

Parent Check-In (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

St. John's Forum: Children and Youth Mental Health Part 1 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (May 7)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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)

Parent Check-In (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 7):

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Proverbs 4:10-18 † Psalm 119:9-32 † 1 Peter 2:2-10 † John 14:1-14

Announcements

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.
Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Don McRae by Marilyn McRae Raadt and family. 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), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: July 16 & 30, August 6, 13, 20 & 27.

St. John's Forum: *Are the kids alright? Mental Health for Children & Youth with Andy Dimick, Part 1*
Sunday, April 30, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

What is the state of mental health for many of the children and youth in our community? What are the risks and protective factors we should be paying attention to? Join local therapist Andy Dimick for the first of a 2-part series on mental health for children and youth, where we will learn and discuss together the trends therapists are seeing in children and youth in this new COVID world we live in. Part 2 will be on Sunday, May 21.

Annual Spring Church Yard Clean Up
Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.–Noon

The Property & Grounds Board kindly requests your assistance. Many hands make less work! Bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows for spreading mulch, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, tip baskets, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are welcome. Thank you!

Helping Members in Crisis

The Pastors' Discretionary Fund exists to provide the pastors with a means to provide confidential financial help to members in crisis. Due to a number of recent needs, the fund is currently quite low. If you would like to help, you can direct a gift to the "Pastors' Emergency Fund." Whenever possible, the pastors also work with the CAC to assure that recipients get comprehensive assistance with their needs.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention
September 21–24, 2023

Join other St. John's women who are traveling to Phoenix this September for the life-changing three-day convention. Lodging at an Airbnb. Registration deadline: May 31. For information and registration: welcatg.org or women.stjohns500@gmail.com.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and The Voice to Leah Garlie electronically via email to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- The Voice (June / July 2023 Edition): Due by May 15

Announcements (continued)

You are invited to a Holy Land Tasting and Tour Information Session

Monday, May 15, 4:00–6:00 p.m., St. John’s Hall

Tour host, Rev. Tim Hansen, son of the late Ruth Hansen (who led 21 similar tours), will be offering an opportunity to learn about his upcoming April 2024 tour with slides, light refreshments, and informal conversation. All are welcome! This tour features visits to many ancient biblical and historical sites as well as inspirational meetings with “the living stones” who have a story to tell. Click this link to see the full itinerary: <https://shepherdstours.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Our-Savior-Lutheran-Church-P.-Tim-Hansen-2024-1.pdf>.

Sign up for St. John’s Seraphs Summer Softball

Will you play for the St. John’s Seraphs in Northfield’s Summer 2023 Church Softball League? Sign up on the [St. John’s Summer Softball Interest Form](#) (link available in the E-Voice). We hope that the 2023 team will be a combination of returning veterans and aspiring new talent. Recruit a friend and introduce them to St. John’s through softball! As a reminder, players need to be high-school age and older. Games are played on Sunday evenings and will begin in late May. Questions? Contact Steve Taggart at staggart@northfieldschools.org, or Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth

End of Year YMCA Outing! Wednesday, May 10, is the last day of Wednesday Afterschool Programming. As a special treat, we’ll be heading to the YMCA!

The buses will do their regular pick-up of children from the Northfield schools. Once everyone arrives at St. John’s, we’ll ride the bus to the YMCA. Snacks will be provided. Kids can swim in the pool or play games in the gym. Parent pick-up at the “Y” is 5:00–5:15 p.m. **Please return the YMCA permission slips by May 3. Contact Julie Brehmer if you need one!** Parents, let Julie know if you’d like to chaperone!

Family Vacation Bible School Registration is now Open

Wednesdays, June 14 and 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

St. John’s, along with Bethel, Emmaus, and St. Peter’s, brings two fun family nights of VBS. Please click below for additional information and to register as soon as you can. Children pre-school through elementary will love this hero-inspired VBS filled with heroic stories of the bible, activities, games, and songs! Please let [Julie Brehmer](#) know if you have questions. [Click here to register.](#)

Middle School and High School Youth 2023 Summer Mission Trips

Looking forward to the Mission trip this summer? Both our HS and MS youth are going to **Nashville, Tennessee from June 24–July 1.** We are working with CSM mission partner, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, and First UCC to plan for two mission experiences in Nashville. The trip cost is \$400 per participant. Contact Emmanuel for additional information and to sign up.

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

Aiden Mandsager, Greta Matzner-Gore, Joanne Rodland, Don Sahling, Wendy Scholz, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, Richard Olson, David and Pat Halsor

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

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.

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, May 3:
Beef and Pork Enchiladas
(Vegetarian Option Available)

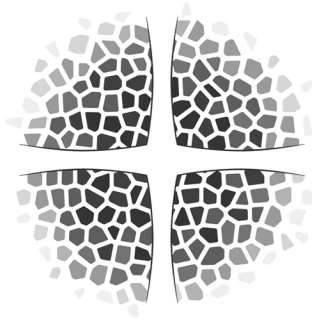
All are welcome!

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, May 1	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, El Tequila Mexican Restaurant
Tuesday, May 2	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
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room Northfield Rotary, Room 19
Wednesday, May 3	11:00 a.m.	Personnel Committee, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room NAIA (Northfield Area Interfaith Association), St. John's Hall
	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
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, May 4	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, 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.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, May 5	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service - Bill Talen
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 6	8:00 a.m.	Spring Clean Up Day, St. John's
Sunday, May 7	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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