



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022 † 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 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!”

## **\*Eastertide Lament**

- P** We assemble, praising the God of creation, rejoicing in the promise of the resurrection, and renewed in the gift of baptism.

Yet we stand with those who suffer throughout the world:  
victims of war, both soldiers and civilians; refugees fleeing violence;  
those forced into the loss of freedoms; the oppressed seeking justice  
and social acceptance; those sick with the coronavirus;  
the millions mourning their dead; the hungry and the homeless.

Hear us, O God.

- C** **Hear us, O God.**

- P** Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

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- P** Sustain us to serve all in need.

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- P** Give us your life.

- C** **Give us your life.**

Hear these words and receive their power:

God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth.

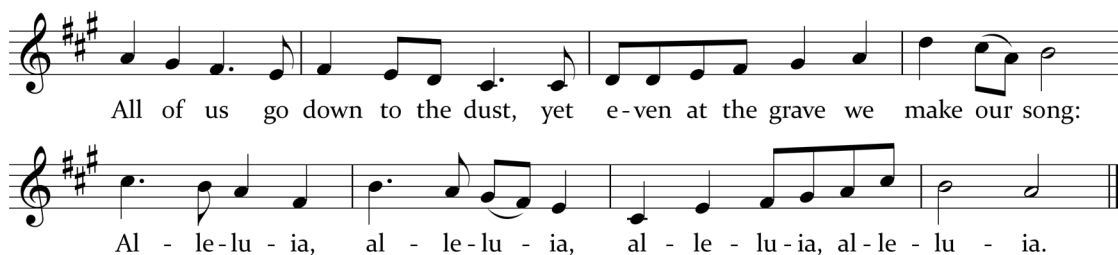
God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life.

God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response Hymn — “All of Us Go Down to the Dust”**

Mark Mummert



Music: Mark Mummert, © 2003 Augsburg Fortress

**\*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** Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 — Isaiah 61:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

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

## Psalmody — Psalm 30

Antiphon: John Bell

*Antiphon: Lord, you can turn all mourning into dancing,  
evenings of grief to mornings of great joy.*



<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you,  
and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.

<sup>3</sup>**You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.**

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.

<sup>8</sup>I cried to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;

I pleaded with<sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,

<sup>9</sup>**“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down<sup>1</sup> to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>1</sup>clare your faithfulness?**

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>1</sup>cy upon me;  
O LORD,<sup>1</sup> be my helper.”**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever. *Antiphon*

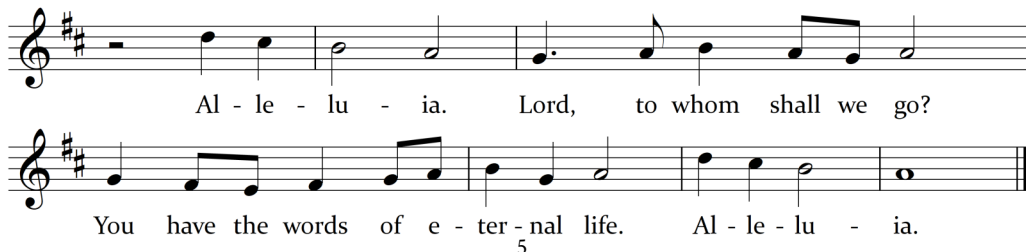
## Second Reading — Revelation 5:1-14

Pew Bible, page 997

*After the reading:*

🔊 The word of the Lord. 🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



*Before the reading:*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

👤 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👤 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenschier

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn of the Day** — ELW No. 826

“Thine the Amen”

(8:30) \***The Nicene Creed** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 104*

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

*The Triune God proclaims **Elijah Anthony Rydberg** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Elijah's parents are Rachel and Anthony Rydberg, and his sponsors are Anna and Will Sanchez, and Tyler and Lydia Bjorhus.*

### Presentation

📖 People of God, do you promise to support Elijah  
and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

👤 **We do.**

\***Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 229*

\***Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

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*(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)*

\***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

## Baptism

### Welcome

#### Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

#### \*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

“The King of Love and Grace”

arr. Christopher Aspaas

*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. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see. And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

—Henry W. Baker, John Newton

(8:30) *St. John’s Chorale*

#### \*Offering Hymn — “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav’nly blessed sing:**

**“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”**

**Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

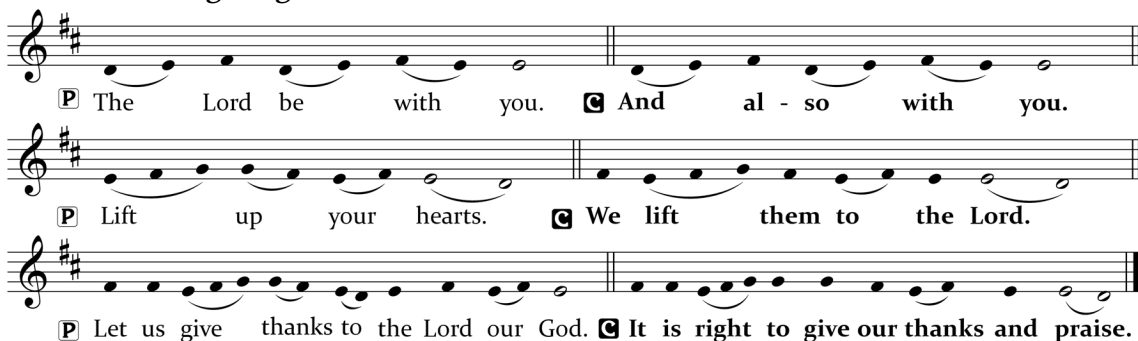
## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

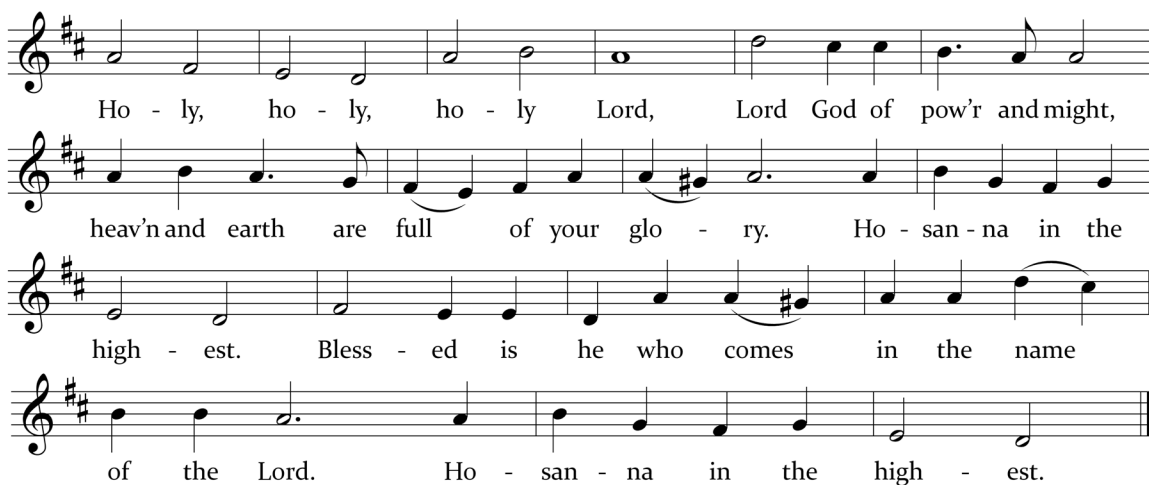


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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

☐ Great is the mystery of faith.

☑ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## \*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.

## Anthem — "Feed My Lambs"

Natalie Sleeth

*Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep: in my name lead them forth gently  
as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be, as ye do unto  
my flock, thus ye do to me. Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be, as ye do  
unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep: in  
my name lead them forth gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.*

—John 21:15-16, adapt. Natalie Sleeth

**Hymn — “Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus”**

Anne Krentz Organ

*Choir/Cantor, then all singing.*

Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Music: Anne Krentz Organ, © 2020 Augsburg Fortress (ACS Setting 12)

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. ☞ **Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 376**

**“Thine Is the Glory”**

*(8:30) Choir — verse 2 and refrain*

**\*Dismissal**

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



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Co-Presiding at Baptism	(10:45) Rev. Mark Rydberg
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Pat Fick (10:45) Pellinen Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantors	(10:45) Kristin Partlo, David Clarke, Nathan Proctor
Trumpet	Michael Berger
Piano	David Sims
Flute	(8:30) Katie van Epps
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Jim Loe, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Dale Gehring, Kent Rommereim

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **This Week (May 1):**

Coffee and Celebration of Duane Kringen's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Commons  
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)  
St. John's Forum: Emotional Health Part 2 (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

### **Next Week (May 8):**

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 Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)  
Speed Mixer (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)  
Dialogues on Race (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room and via Zoom)

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of Duane Kringen's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today. 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 [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: June 19 & 26 and July 10, 24 & 31.

## **Coffee and Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of St. John's Member, Duane Kringen**

All are invited for coffee, fellowship, and to enjoy a special birthday treat provided by Duane's family in his honor.

## **Special St. John's Forum: Emotional Health—Tending to the Effects of the Pandemic, Part 2**

**Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom**

As we all try to find our way in this next phase and season of COVID, it is more and more clear that we, as a church and a community, are still living with the effects of the pandemic. Two years of chronic stress, periods of fearfulness, losses large and small, and the grind of perpetual change have taken a toll on all of us in different ways. How do we process and tend to these experiences? We can start by connecting and talking about them together. With the help of two local therapists, Erin Barnett and Elaine Nesbit, we will spend some intentional time thinking and sharing about the impact the pandemic has on us as individuals and as a community. During Part 1, we reflected on our experiences of the past two years and the impact on us that remains. For this session, we will look at how to live with the losses and benefits we have gathered during this time and how to live with uncertainty going forward. We hope you will join us for this community conversation.

## **Church Softball League Games Start Today**

**Tonight, 7:10 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2**

***St. John's vs. United Methodist Church***

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

## **Pub Theology**

**Tomorrow, Monday, May 2, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Dave and Julie Zdenek**

**Topic: *Resurrection—Does the 'how' matter?***

Does the physicality of Jesus' resurrection matter as much as the meaning? Two widely-read articles this Easter lay out the opposing arguments. Bring your complicated questions to a no-wrong-answers discussion of the meaning of Easter.

## **Next Edition of *The Voice* is the June/July Edition**

Please send your submissions to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) by Sunday, May 15.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **A Speed Mixer**

**Next Sunday, May 8, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

No, it's not a new kitchen appliance! It's a quick way to meet a variety of St. John's people in a structured, fun way. We are a different congregation than we were 2 years ago, so EVERYONE is encouraged to take part in this mixer to get re-acquainted!

## **Courageous Conversation Event**

**Thursday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

St. John's Women: join us for a day on the Mississippi! We'll begin our adventure from the St. John's parking lot. A bus will take us to Red Wing where we'll enjoy the He Mni Can-Barn Bluff Story Panels from the Prairie Island Indian Community of the Dakota Oyate. From there the bus will take us to Lake City where we'll enjoy a riverboat cruise and catered lunch, arriving back at St. John's parking lot around 3:30 p.m. **Reservations required by Thursday, May 5.** The cost is \$50 (scholarships available). Register by emailing [women.stjohns500@gmail.com](mailto:women.stjohns500@gmail.com) or through the website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous).

## **Mental Health First Aid Course Offered at St. John's**

Come learn about signs, symptoms, and how to respond to others with mental health concerns in this FREE training! Adult Mental Health First Aid has information and skills that everyone in our community should know about. People need others to be prepared to listen and to be aware of the resources available, especially in this ever-changing COVID time. It will be a worthwhile investment of your time! Choose either option:

- 2 four-hour sessions from 4:00–8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3
- 1 eight-hour session from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23

For information on how to register, go to the St. John's website.

Questions? Email [Laura@healthycommunityinitiative.org](mailto:Laura@healthycommunityinitiative.org).

## **Last Wednesday Meal of the School Year**

**Wednesday, May 11, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall**

On the menu is pulled-turkey sandwiches and vegetarian sloppy joes, with chips, coleslaw, baby carrots, freezies for the young at heart, and bars for all! Can you help make bars? If so, let the church office know.

## **May Special Offering**

Every year St. John's encourages members to make a special gift in May for Lutheran World Relief. Founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the U.S., Lutheran World Relief is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

# **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*

Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings,  
Paul Peterson, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Elijah Anthony Rydberg, son of Rachel and Anthony Rydberg

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Paul Mathre (brother of Rachel Peterson)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness,  
John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

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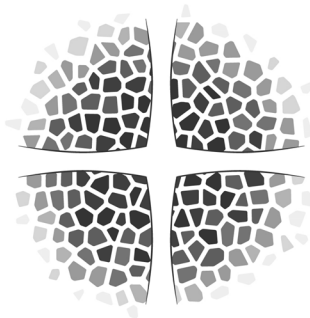
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, May 2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Mental Health First Aid, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Home of Dave and Julie Zdenek
<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>	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
	4:00 p.m.	Mental Health First Aid, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Northfield Grief Coalition, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, May 4</b>	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	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, Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 5</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, May 6</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, May 7</b>	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - David Gangsei, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - David Gangsei, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 8):**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**Acts 9:36-43 + Psalm 23 + Revelation 7:9-17 + John 10:22-30**



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