



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026 † 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 — Larghetto from Concerto Grosso, No. 12
Intrada

G. F. Handel
Robert Wetzler

Eric Sayre, trumpet

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 376 “Thine Is the Glory”
(8:30) *Stanza 2 and Refrain sung by the choir.*

*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

- ☐ Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 14:1-14

Spark Story Bible, page 448

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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. 816

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

(8:30) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

The Triune God proclaims Erik Victor Hahn as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Erik's parents are Amy and David Hahn, and his sponsors are Siri Shaqra and Adei Shaqra.

Presentation

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Erik and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
C 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”

(10:45) ***Apostles' Creed**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
C 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) "A Bridge of Peace"

Gwyneth Walker

O my Palestinian sister, daughter of Abraham, let us build a sturdy bridge from my orange world to yours. Above the boiling pain of acid rain—and hold human hands high full of free stars of twinkling peace. O my Palestinian brother, son of Abraham, let us build a sturdy bridge from your olive world to mine. I do not want to be your oppressor, you do not want to be my oppressor, or your jailer, or my jailer, we do not want to make each other afraid under our vines and under our fig trees blossoming on a silver horizon above the bruising and the bleeding of poisoning gases and scuds.

And so, my Arab sister, my brother, let us build a strong bridge of jasmine understanding. Where each shall sit with her baby, and each shall sit with his child, under her vine and under his fig tree—and none shall make them afraid.

– Ada Aharoni

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) Trumpet Sonata, mvt. II

Kent Kennan

*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

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **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



Children's Message

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

*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

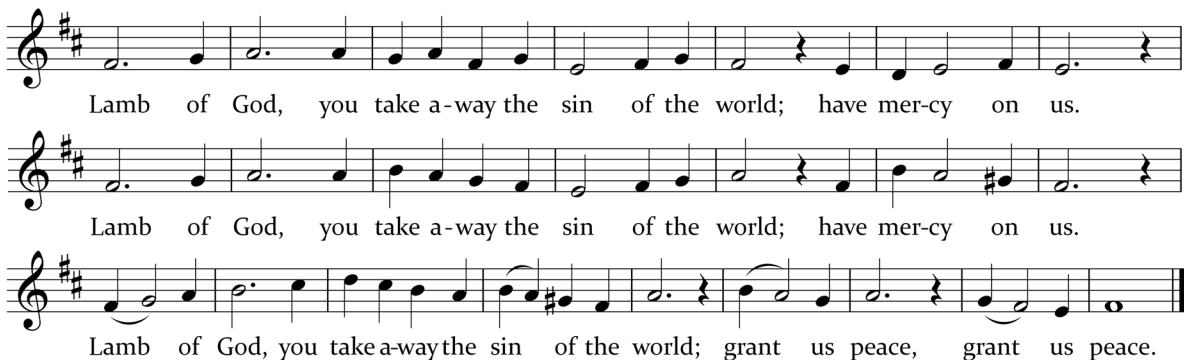
*The Lord's Prayer

**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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “We Will Lay Our Burden Down” John Bell, arr. John Ferguson

*We will lay our burden down, in the hands of the risen Lord.
We will light the flame of love, in the hands of the risen Lord.
We will show both hurt and hope, in the hands of the risen Lord.
We will walk the path of peace, hand in hand with the risen Lord.*

Hymn — ELW No. 477

“I Received the Living God”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☒ Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
- ☒ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☒ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 389

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

***Dismissal**

- ☒ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☒ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Tuba Tune in D Major

Craig Seller Lang



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Eric Sponheim (10:45) Andrea Hoff
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Trumpet	Eric Sayre, Director of Advancement, Lutheran Summer Music
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) David Sims
Soloist	(8:30) Robbie Shaw, Church Music Intern
Livestream	Jon Kavanaugh, Rob Nutt
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Christy Hall-Holt
Greeters	(8:30) Marie Benson, Pam Groves-Gaggioli (10:45) Julie Cannon, Vikki Van Veldhuizen
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson, Karen Schuette
Refreshments	Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Liz Rowley
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Charles Cannon, Chris Tacheny, Andrew Tacheny, Roger Van Veldhuizen

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 10):

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 † Psalm 66:8-20 † 1 Peter 3:13-22 † John 14:15-21

*Join Us for
Summer Worship*

SUNDAYS STARTING
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 24
THRU SEPTEMBER 13
9:30 A.M.

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Iva Dodson and Dick Kleber by the Elizabeth Circle. 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 the church office. Next available dates: May 10, 17, 31, and June 7.

St. John's Forum: "Theology of the Cross: The Most Practical Theology," with Dr. Rolf Jacobsen Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Dr. Rolf Jacobsen, professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary and former member of St. John's, returns to share with us his new book *God Meets Us in Our Suffering*, which is dedicated to St. John's. In this forum, Dr. Jacobsen will teach us about Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross and how God meets us in times of suffering with grace and power, and offering us comfort and trust in God's faithfulness.

St. John's Mission Partner: Lutheran World Relief Supports Rural Economies and Livelihoods

Please consider a donation to Lutheran World Relief this month. Farming is the single largest source of income and jobs for poor rural families in the world. Lutheran World Relief considers the entire rural economic system of each community served. They partner with farmers, businesses, civil society, and governments to establish inclusive and equitable market practices that feed families, are profitable, and improve everyone's quality of life. You can give online or write a check payable to St John's and indicate Lutheran World Relief on the subject line.

YMCA End-of-Year Celebration for K–5th Grades

St. John's children in grades K–5 are invited to the **Northfield YMCA on Wednesday, May 6**, for our End-of-Year Celebration! The Wednesday afterschool buses will pick up at the elementary schools as they normally do. Once kids have arrived at St. John's, the bus will take us to the "Y." All kids are invited even if you did not participate in Wednesday afterschool programs.

Here's the plan:

- 3:40 p.m.: Bus leaves for the "Y" from St. John's
- 4:00–5:15 p.m.: Kids can play either in the gym or in the pool—bring your swimsuit!
- 5:15 p.m.: Parent pick up at the YMCA (1501 Honeylocust Dr.)

Parents, let Julie Brehmer know if you are willing to chaperone!

5th and 6th Grade Bridge Event

Wednesday, May 27, 5:30–7:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

As 5th graders prepare to move to the middle school next year, they'll have lots of questions. They will also be moving from Children's programming at St. John's to Youth programming. Likewise, 6th grade students are finishing up a big year of changes. We'll get together with pizza, games, and a chance for 5th and 6th graders to connect around this time of transition.

Announcements (continued)

High School Senior Recognition—Sunday, May 31

On Sunday, May 31, we are excited to continue our annual tradition of recognizing our High School Seniors, surrounding them with our prayers and blessing for whatever is ahead for them. The seniors will have roles in worship, along with a moment to celebrate and bless them. Following worship, seniors and their families and mentors are invited to a luncheon in St. John's Hall. As a special gift from St. John's, each senior receives their own beautiful quilt!

Join Us on a Mindful Walk

Thursday, June 4, 7:00–8:15 p.m. (Rain Date: June 5)

The Faith & Health Board is pleased to invite the congregation and friends to a mindful walk at Hauberg Woods in Northfield. This gentle walk, approximately one mile in length, will focus on being present in the moment and observing the natural world and will provide an opportunity for quiet contemplation in the spirit of community. Comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear is recommended, as this is an unpaved path. Please register by June 1 on [CCB](#) or on the sign-up sheet in the Commons. If you have any questions, you may contact Faith & Health Board member Debra Miller at debra.ehret@gmail.com.

You are Invited to Sunday Fun Day

July 19, 3:00–5:00 p.m., Oddfellows Park

All ages gathering for fellowship, food, and fun.

- 3:00 p.m.: Games/Activities (water balloons, frisbees, corn hole, etc.!))
- 4:00 p.m.: Song and Supper

Menu provided:

- BBQ: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Vegetarian Option
- Beverage: Lemonade, Water
- Cookies & Bars

This event is joyfully sponsored by the Adult Ministry & Education Board and the Children's Ministry & Education Board. Hope to see you and St. John's friends of all ages there!



Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (May 3)

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)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (May 10)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

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, Jon Kavanaugh, Mary Ellen North, Avis Reed

Those celebrating the baptism of

Erik Victor Hahn, son of Amy and David Hahn

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Ron Rasmus

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore,
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Alice Rickert, Vicki Otis,
Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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.

WEDNESDAY
Night Meals

Come share a meal!

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

Menu for Wednesday, May 6:
Sloppy Joes

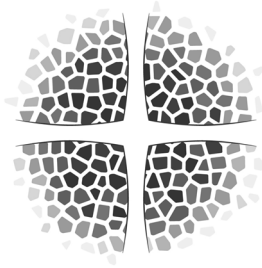
All are welcome!

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, May 4	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, May 5	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	CVEC Course, Undercroft
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, May 6	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5)
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Knitters, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Faith & Politics Discussion, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, May 7	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
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 19
		Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
		New Moms Network, St. John's Library
Friday, May 8	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 9		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 10	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 13.)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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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.*