



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 5, 2019 † 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 — “Andante”

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 376

“Thine Is the Glory”

***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 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

First Reading — Acts 9:1-6

Spark Story Bible, page 514; Pew Bible, page 893

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 30

Antiphon: John L. Bell

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



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

²O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.

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

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;**
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁸I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

⁹**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?**
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;**
O LORD, | be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. *Antiphon*

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — John 21:1-19**

Pew Bible, page 883

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.
- ☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 469

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

(8:30) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism — Front of the hymnal, pages 227-231

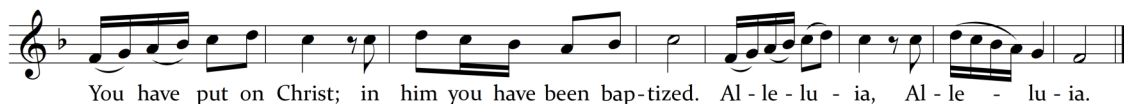
*The Triune God proclaims **Zachary Richard Monson** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Zachary's parents are Mark and Holly Monson, and his sponsors are Steve and Candice Volkert.*

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

C We do.

***Profession of Faith — page 229**

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



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

***Thanksgiving at the Font — page 230**

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

(10:45) Affirmation of Faith with New Members

Presentation

***Profession of Faith — Front of the hymnal, page 105**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Welcome

Hymn — No. 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Stanza 1

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C 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) "This Joyful Eastertide"

arr. John Ferguson

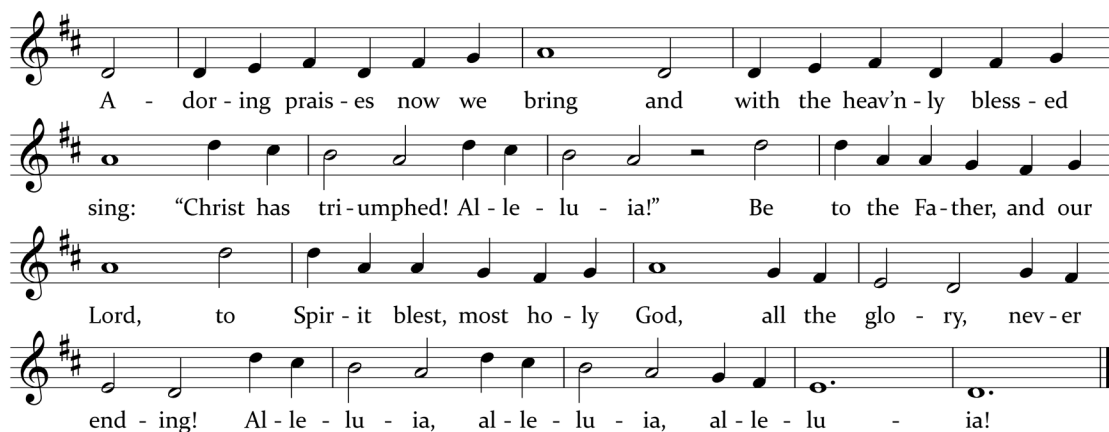
For anthem text see Hymn 391.

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Sarabande on LAND OF REST" from *Suite for Organ*

Gerald Near

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



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

L Let us pray.

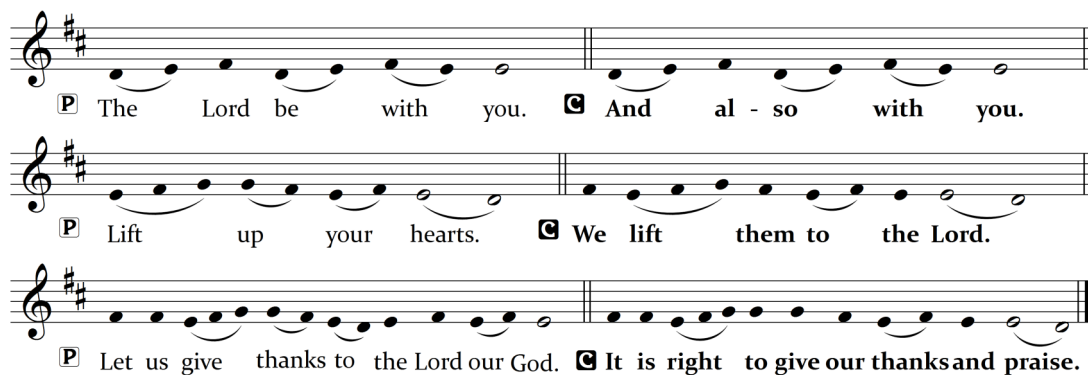
C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth.

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

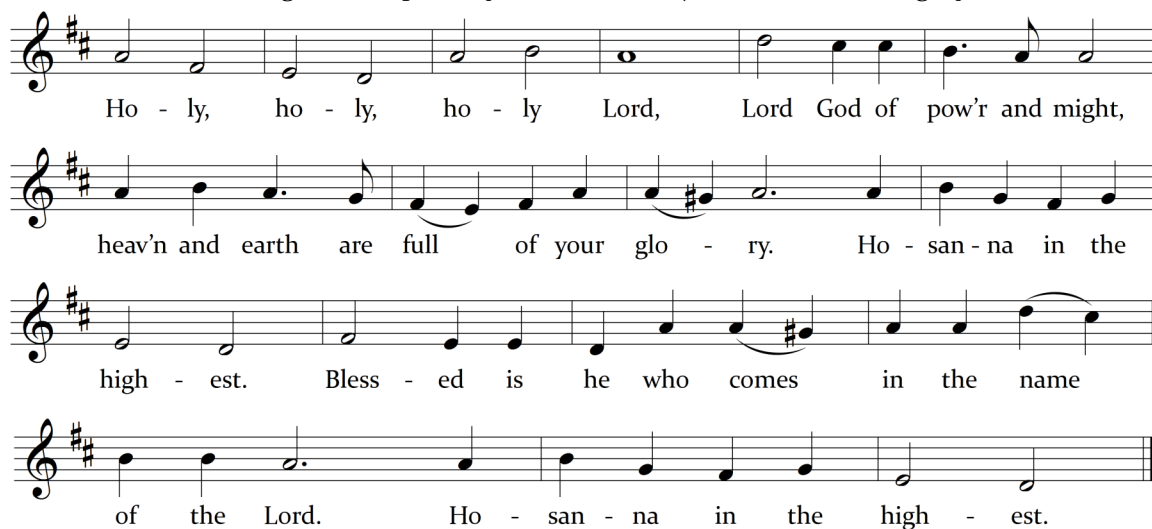


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.*

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 — No. 847

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

Hymn — No. 384

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

P God, you have fed us with your very self.

A We thank you.

P You have made us one in the body of Christ.

A We thank you.

P You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.

A We thank you.

P Fed, united, and strengthened to be a blessing,
may the Lord fill you with hope, joy, and peace,
and bless you now and forever.

A Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Improvisation-Toccata: “The Strife Is O’er”

Alfred Fedak



Welcome New Members

Those affirming their faith today at the 10:45 a.m. worship service:

*Carol Egly, Cynthia Neubecker, John & Michelle Kramer Prevost, Meredith Stolte,
John & Amanda Tracy and Elizabeth, John, and Noah, Peter & Lori Skoglund,
Erik & Alli Skoglund and Ella and Greta, Scott & Candace Godfrey, Eleanor and Arthur,
Rebecca Vargas, Delores Gustafson*

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Joanne Rodland
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale Anthem conducted by Aaron Musser, Church Music Intern
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Acolytes	(8:30) Madison Hansen, Katherine Organ (10:45) Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson
Communion Preparers	Lois Bakko
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Lois Bakko
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Mary Ellen North, John Ophaug (10:45) Tim Cowles
Coffee and Refreshments	Carol Cowles, Gordie and Dodie Mickelsen, Jennifer Paulson, Liz Rowley
Nursery	Hannah Anderson, Erica Anderson
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Ruth Dahl, Alyssa Ness
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

St. John's Forum: *TEDxStJohns: Robert Nyvall* (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

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

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Toddler Time (9:45-10:30 a.m., Room 14)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Sawyer Garlie and in celebration of his brother Lincoln Garlie's birthday on May 22. 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. 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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in gratitude for the leadership of Peggy Dell and Kristy Harms in our meal ministry, feeding our congregation, and our community.

St. John's Forum

Today, 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 "TEDxStJohns", 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.

American Cross Blood Drive at St. John's

Thursday, May 16, 1:00-7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

There will be a table in the Commons today and next Sunday between services to accept registrations for our blood drive set for May 16. Our goal is 150 pints for 150 years and any member donating anywhere can add to our goal; but you must let us know. Thanks.

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!

150th Anniversary Grace Overflowing Creative Arts Group

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00-6:45 p.m., St. John's Library

These monthly groups focus on building community through shared art and music experiences. Please join us and support this effort to foster connections between St. John's members and your Laura Baker neighbors. No previous art or music experience required! The next group will be an art night to celebrate spring. Make art individually and contribute to a collaborative piece! Come willing to meet new people, try something new, and make art together! The group will be led LBSA's Art Specialist, Bridget Novak, and Music Therapist, Jenny Solar.

Announcements (continued)

Let's Celebrate, Sunday, May 12!

Next Sunday between services, all are invited to St. John's Hall in celebrating and thanking everyone for sharing their special gifts and leaving their special touch on the church and community. The Stewardship Board is serving cake and refreshments. The Children's Board is celebrating the end of the Sunday school year with children's games and cotton candy!

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 Tuesday, 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.

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 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.

May Giving Focus: Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief works to improve the lives of small-scale farmers and people experiencing poverty in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, both in times of emergencies and for the long term. In 2018, St. John's congregation donated \$11,753 to further this important work. This month, we seek your generosity again to help people in need around the world. See the May issue of The Voice to realize the ripple effects our gifts can have on one family and one community in Africa. Use the designated envelope or donate online. Give a gift; change a life. Thank you!

Thank you from Tim Byers for the wonderful cards honoring his 5 years here at St. John's.

	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Wednesday, May 8 <i>Fried Chicken Dinner with Salads</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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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 in the hospital or in need of healing

Jim Thompson, Vernon Westrud

Those celebrating the baptism of

Zachary Richard Monson, son of Holly and Mark Monson

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Eulalie Smestad

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

Sigrid Gronning, Bob Noreen, Elouise Quinnell

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 12):

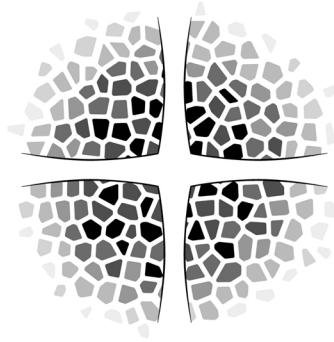
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., May 6	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
Tue., May 7	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Iftar Dinner with Pastor Pam, Offsite - Rosemount
Wed., May 8	9:00 a.m.	Lydia Circle / Monthly Bible Study, St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
	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.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Musical, St. John's Hall
		Creative Arts Group, St. John's Library
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, May 9	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, May 10	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 11	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, May 12	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (Baptism - Thomas Toov) (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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