



let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord
Psalm 98:8

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 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.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

“Minuet” from *Water Music, Suite in G Major*

George Fredrick Handel

“March in G Major” from *Judas Maccabaeus, Act III*

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 376

“Thine Is the Glory”

(8:30) *Stanza 2 and Refrain sung by the choir.*

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P For these waters of life,

C We give you thanks, O God.

*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.

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

*Prayer of the Day

P O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son 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 — Acts 10:44-48

Pew Bible, page 895

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 98

Antiphon: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing.



- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- ³**You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.**
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**
- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- ⁷**Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.**
- ⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to | judge the earth.**

Antiphon: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

Second Reading — 1 John 5:1-6

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 15:9-17

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

Viveka Hall-Holt and Dylan Gehring

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 88o

"O God, beyond All Praising"

***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) "Give Me Jesus"

Spiritual, arr. Larry L. Fleming
Conducted by Kellie Asher, Church Music Intern
St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Lord, Here Am I"

Stephen Paulus

Lord, here am I, to walk in your wonder, run in your river, wash in your water, feast in your freedom. Holy is the Lord of hosts and the whole earth is full of his glory. Lord, here am I, to go in your glory, eat in your Easter, cry in your Christmas, sing in your silence. Lord, here am I, to hope in your heaven, mind in your mercy, serve in your Spirit, joy in your Jesus. Send me Lord.

-Herbert Brokering

Laudate Choir

*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds," stanza 1

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*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.

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. 479

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

(10:45) **Anthem** — "God Be In My Head"

Andrea Ramsey

Hymn — No. 482

"I Come with Joy"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

A **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

(10:45) **Blessing and Sending of High School Seniors**

***Blessing**

Response:

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *stanza 3* AR HYD Y NOS

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

***Dismissal**

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Rhapsody on ‘Go My Children, with My Blessing’”

John Ferguson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Viveka Hall-Holt and Dylan Gehring
Assisting Minister	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Acolytes	(8:30) Lillian Almen, Cora McBroom (10:45) Merri Kmoch, Sigrid Zillmer
Communion Preparer	Debby Nitz
Communion Servers	Viveka Hall-Holt and Dylan Gehring
Communion Clean Up	Debby Nitz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marilyn Jacobson, Mary Ellen North (10:45) Marilyn Jacobson, John Ophaug
Coffee and Refreshments	Terry and Peggy Dell, Shelley Hansen, Marilyn Jacobson, Gordon Mickelsen, Debby Nitz, Liz Rowley, Melissa Thorsheim
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Dick Dahlin, Jim Enestvedt, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, 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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 <p>Wednesday Night MEALS</p>	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, May 9: <i>Chicken Dinner</i> (including gluten free baked chicken and sides)</p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Emily Canedy, Anne France, Dylan Gehring, Jacob Gonnerman, Viveka Hall-Holt, Caroline Hummel, Jada Johnson, Matthew Knutson, Cole Little, Ryan Malecha, Samuel Motzko, Courtney Nelson, Kenyon Nystrom, Jaime Rice, and Griffin Rod

These seniors will be honored at a lunch following the second service today. We are proud of all of their accomplishments and wish them grace and peace for their journeys ahead.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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., St. John's Hall)

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

Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

Next Week (May 13):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Intergenerational Event: Personal Care Kits (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth 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 between services in the Fireside Room. If you'd like to know more, please come to the last 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!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Sawyer Garlie who died one year ago today 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. 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., St. John's Hall

Today's Topic :*Youth Ministry in the 21st Century - Youth Transition Team Update*

Since February, and in light of staff turnover, a small group of adult leaders (Youth Transition Team) have been meeting to discern what we want for our youth here at St. John's. This is a big question and a big task. They will present on what they have been learning and some suggestions to consider for next steps in this process of discernment. Please join us for this important conversation!

High School Senior Recognition

St. John's High School Graduates are receiving quilts at today's 10:45 a.m. worship service. We hope that each time they use their quilts they remember how much their St. John's family loves them! Thank you to Kathy Vang, Sue Brockman, Marie Struss, Brian Evenson, and Julie Brehmer for helping construct the quilts.

Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester Concert - *Choir Country*

Today, 3:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

The Northfield Arts Guild is hosting the Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester for their concert *Choir Country*. The concert is a celebration of Minnesota's finest composers and the deep roots of choral singing in our region built on the foundations laid by F. Melius Christiansen, Dominick Argento, Stephen Paulus, Libby Larsen and many others. The concert features works by thirteen composers including video clips of the composers talking about their pieces. The choir is conducted by Rick Kvam. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

Parents Invited to Sunday School Today

Parents are invited to attend Sunday school with their child today to celebrate the end of the school year. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

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!

Announcements (continued)

Donations for Northfield Middle School's Tattered Pages

The student-operated Northfield Middle School bookstore, *Tattered Pages*, is looking for donations of books and gifts for its annual Mother's Day Sale, May 8–11. Popular book topics for the sale include cooking, gardening, crafts, and art. Other gift items welcomed by the store include stationary, journals, candles, mugs, picture frames, plants, plaques, jewelry, vases, and table linens. Donations of gift wrapping materials are also needed. Picture frames will be re-purposed for the sale, to display special inspirational messages. There is a donation box in the Commons. Donations will be accepted through Thursday morning, May 10.

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.

Special Offering in May for Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) helps families in the world's poorest communities. In 2017, your support of LWR reached 3,163,673 people in 32 countries through 131 projects. LWR works to improve livelihoods and to assist in emergencies. All this is because of the generous support of people like you. Use the LWR envelope in your offering packet or make an on line donation with your electronic giving to St. John's.

Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: May 15th for the June Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

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

Bob Tabery

Those celebrating the first communion of

Braden Van Sickle, son of Adam and Sarah Van Sickle

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Carol Stubbs

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Gasho, 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

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 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.

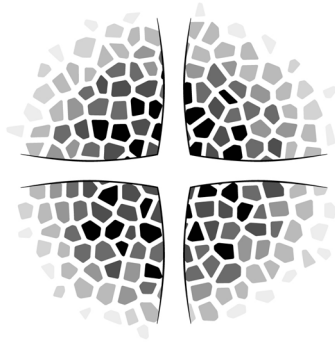
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 13):

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 † Psalm 1 † 1 John 5:9-13 † Luke 24:44-53

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, May 7	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Workshop, Fireside Room
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Library
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		Northfield Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, May 8	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, Undercroft
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
	8:30 p.m.	Guy's Night Out, Contented Cow
Wed., May 9	12:00 p.m.	Nfld Public Schools Instructional Coaches, 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
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Small Group Gathering, Room 19
		Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room
	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 10	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Cannon Valley Watershed Partnership
Friday, May 11	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 12	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
Sunday, May 13	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 13)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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