



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 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** — on HYFRYDOL

Aaron David Miller

(8:30) *Rachel Christensen, violin*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

(8:30) **Anthem** — “All Night, All Day”

*Alleluia Choir*

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 631

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Stanzas 2 & 3 may be sung in harmony.*

## **\*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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven  
and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,  
and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

## First Reading — Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is God served by human hands, as though needing anything, since that very God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor God made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In God we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are the offspring of God.’

<sup>29</sup>“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because God has fixed a day on which to judge the world in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**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.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1069

“God Bestows on Every Sense”

(8:30) \*Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

*The Triune God proclaims **Russell Johnson** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Russell's parents are Tara Bjorkstrand and Elliott Johnson, and his sponsors are Ryan Bjorkstrand, Alex Bjorkstrand, Cheylia Stebleton, and Mariah Hunholz.*

**Presentation**

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Russell 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.

Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy © 1969; Music: Howard Hughes © 1977

*(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:*

- 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) “How Can I Keep from Singing”

arr. Taylor Davis

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?*

– Robert Lowry

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) “The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe”

arr. John Helgen

**\*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** — “The Earth Adorned” Waldemar Åhlén, ed. Kenneth Jennings  
*For anthem text, see ACS No. 1068.*

**Hymn** — ELW No. 361

“The Day of Resurrection!”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ 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

(8:30) **\*Choral Benediction** — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Peter Lutkin

**\*Blessing**

*Response:* ☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 826 “Thine the Amen”

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** — on THINE Kristina Langlois



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## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Dennis Rinehart
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Violin	(8:30) Rachel Christensen
Choirs	(8:30) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director St. John's Chorale; Nathan Proctor, director
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) Jane Turpin Moore
Clarinet	(8:30) Jo Ann Polley
Soloist	(8:30) Katie Nail, Church Music Intern
Livestream	Mark Gleason
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Dawn Tommerdahl
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy McBroom, Judy Smith (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt
Refreshments	Cindy McBroom, Liz Rowley
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Dave and Cheryl Buck, Jonathan Norrie, Wyatt Norrie



*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 by Cindy Clauson. 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 17, June 7, and July 12 & 26.

## **St. John's Mission Partner: Lutheran World Relief Protects the Environment**

Please consider a donation to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) this month. LWR helps communities protect their agricultural assets in the face of challenging climate conditions and improve their resilience to natural hazards like floods and droughts. They introduce environmentally sustainable farming practices so communities can get the most out of their land while conserving and restoring natural resources, and they find ways to capture and protect water, even in the most challenging environments. You can give online or write a check payable to St. John's and indicate Lutheran World Relief on the subject line.

## **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridge Event**

**Wednesday, May 20, 5:30–7:30 p.m., St. John's Hall**

As 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are finishing up a big year of changes. We'll get together with pizza, games, and a chance for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to connect around this time of transition.

## **Your Voice, Your Choices: 911, and the Plan You Need Now**

**Thursday, May 21, 4:00–5:15 p.m., The Weitz Center at Carleton College**

The Faith & Health Board would like you to be aware of this community educational opportunity. Brought to you by Northfield Hospital + Clinics and End-of-Life Choices Collective (a local group that encourages and facilitates Advance Care Planning), this event will explore what happens when you call 911 and how to protect your medical care wishes in a medical emergency. Speakers include Brian Edwards, Emergency Medical Services Chief at Northfield Hospital + Clinics, and Mary Carlsen, MSW, LISW and Mary Carlson, RNC AGNP, Advance Care Planning Facilitators from End-of-Life Choices Collective. Free and open to the public. If you have questions, please send them to [eolchoices@gmail.com](mailto:eolchoices@gmail.com).

## **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!

# Announcements (continued)

## 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](mailto: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!



## New Volunteer Need for Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is looking for a volunteer to help with mowing the lawn for the home located at 315 Poplar St. (1 block from St. John's). A riding lawn mower, kept in the garage at the property, is provided, and a meeting with someone from Habitat would be arranged to show how to access the mower and how to use it. The volunteer can choose the day and time they'd like to mow (this doesn't have to be every week all summer long—just when it works for the volunteer). Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jodi Wagner at 507-403-7868, or email her at [habitatricecounty.org](mailto:habitatricecounty.org) if able to assist. Thank you!

## Sunday Evening Gatherings

**5:00–5:30 p.m., First UCC**

**\*\*\*The last gathering of the season will be on Sunday, May 17.**

Please join us on Sunday evenings for a time of singing, candle lighting, contemplation, and Communion. The Evening Gathering is facilitated by lay people in Northfield. Come for a time of connection, community, and quiet grounding to prepare for the coming week. Questions can be emailed to [theeveninggathering@gmail.com](mailto:theeveninggathering@gmail.com).

## 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*

Russell Johnson, son of Tara Bjorkstrand and Elliott Johnson

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Dale Quist

Family of Mark Nelson (father of Peter Becker Nelson)

*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*

Carol Johnson, Janice Helgeson

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

## Learning and Fellowship Between Services

**This Week (May 10)**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

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

**Next Week (May 17)**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

## **This Week At-a-Glance**

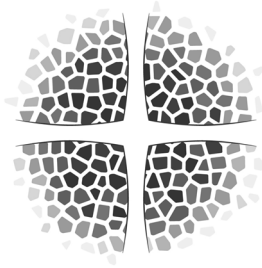
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, May 11</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall Personnel Committee, Fireside Room Youth Board Meeting, Youth Room
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.  10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Staff Retreat, Offsite Prayer Shawl Knitters, Youth Room Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Suzuki Kids, Room 19 Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary New Moms Network, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
<b>Sunday, May 17</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship, Sanctuary

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 17):**

#### *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:6-14 † Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 † 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 † John 17:1-11



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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.*