



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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 — “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Sally Drennan Mossing

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “This Is the Day”

Les Garrett

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

*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 O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

Spark Story Bible, page 520; Pew Bible, page 894

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible, page 999

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



***Gospel** — John 10:22-30

Pew Bible, page 873

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 778

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

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

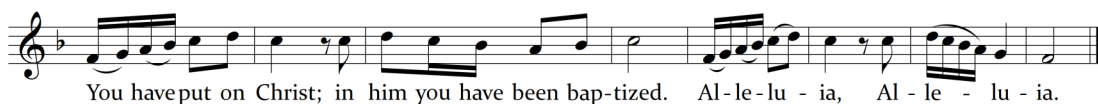
*The Triune God proclaims **Thomas Allen Ohland Toov** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Thomas's parents are Mark and Alysa Toov, and his sponsors are Neil and Rebecca Toov, and Bryan and Sarah Toov.*

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

☑ **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) ***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) "How Can I Keep from Singing"

arr. Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, through 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) "Intermezzo" from Sonata No. 4

Joseph Rheinberger

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

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.

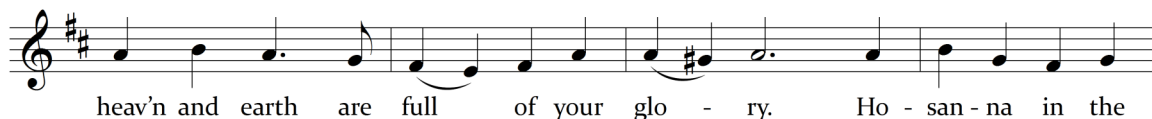
C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to
new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise
you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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.

(8:30) Anthem — "Calling Me Home"

Sally Ann Morris

Lost and afraid, thirsting, alone, cold in the dark of night. I hear a voice calling me home: "Come unto me and find rest." Warm the night; sweet the rain; stars like grace shine again. Open my heart, open my mind, open my weary hands. Teach me to love; lead me to find your still, small voice seeking me. "Come unto me, come unto me and rest." I'm coming home, home to God's beauty and peace; to Christ's welcome in beauty and peace.

-Adam M. L. Tice

Hymn — No. 484

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Hymn — No. 764

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

℣ Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you,
send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

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

Peter Lutkin

*(10:45) **Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** — No. 502

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Stanzas 5 and 6

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℣ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Processional in E-flat”

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale, Nathan Proctor, director Alleluia Choir, Arielle Loy, director
Piano	(8:30) Garrett Bond
Violin	(8:30) Hannie McGarity
Oboe	(8:30) Kristen Diederichs
Soprano Saxophone	(8:30) Aaron Musser, Church Music Intern
Acolytes	(8:30) John Tracy, Noah Tracy (10:45) Aiden Mandsager, Thomas Weber
Communion Preparer	Lynette Marks
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Lynette Marks
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) David Nitz (10:45) TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Guenther Moesler, Kristopher Thorsheim, Melissa Thorsheim
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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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 19):

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 † Psalm 148 † Revelation 21:1-6 † John 13:31-35

Let's Celebrate!

All are invited to St. John's Hall between services to celebrate and thank everyone for sharing their gifts and leaving their special touch on this church and our community.

The Stewardship Board is serving cake and refreshments in honor of all St. John's volunteers. The Children's Board is celebrating the end of the Sunday school year with children's crafts, games, and cotton candy! **Parents are asked to accompany their children to the event.**

Thank You St. John's Chorale and Music Interns

Those singing during the 2018-19 season:

Sopranos

Elizabeth Bade
Eleanor Coolidge
Jennifer Edwins
Jo Franklin
Christy Hall-Holt
Anita Hellie
Mary Holleque
Carol James
Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Ruth Legvold
Bev Mahachek
Liz Rowley
Kristi Wermager

Altos

Ruth Smestad-Anglin
Karen Appeldoorn
Mary Hoff
Carol Hollen
Barb Kuhlman
Sharol Nau
Patsy Ophaug
Jo Ann Polley
Dawn Tommerdahl
Emily Westerback
Julie Zdenek

Tenors

Terry Gilbertson
Chuck Hellie
Erik Holleque
Will Schroeer

Church Music Interns

Greta Ramsey, soprano
Julia Woodring, alto
Logan Combs, tenor
Jonah Herzog, tenor
Eugene Sandel, bass
Aaron Musser, bass

Basses

Jerry Appeldoorn
John Bade
Paul Beck
Jim Cederberg
Fletcher Coolidge
Brad Kmoch
David Legvold
Rob Quanbeck
Mark Ulmer

Wednesday Night



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

Wednesday, May 15
Sloppy Joes and Baked Beans

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Mark and Terry Rydberg in memory of their fathers, Mel Rydberg and Paul Tollefson, whose birthdays were May 4 and May 7. 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: June 2, 16, 23 & 30. 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.

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 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.

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 Jonathan will take a group on Thursday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Bloomington. Pre-registration is required. Contact Pastor Jonathan or sign up on his 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 today between services in conjunction with the Sesquicentennial celebration of artists. 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!

Rice County Habitat for Humanity selects families based on need for housing, ability to pay a mortgage, and willingness to partner. If your income is between \$25,000 and \$64,000 AND you're ready for homeownership, then you should contact Habitat for Humanity today! For more information check out their website or call 507-323-5167 or e-mail Cheri, habitatricecec@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

The Southeastern MN Synod will be electing a new bishop at its next assembly May 31-June 1.

In preparation there are opportunities to hear from the seven candidates lifted up at conference assemblies:

- Monday, May 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John's in Waseca
- Tuesday, May 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at United Redeemer in Zumbrota
- Thursday, May 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Zion in Stewartville

Any ELCA member may attend these sessions, and we encourage you to do so!

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth Ministries

YMCA End of Year Celebration for Grades K-5

Wednesday, May 15

St. John's children in grades K-5 are invited to the Northfield YMCA for our end of year ROCK outing!

Here's the plan:

- **3:40 p.m.:** Bus leaving St. John's for the Y – meet the bus on the east side of the building by the playground. The regular after school buses will pick up children at the schools and bring them to St. John's to board the Y bus. Even if you did not ride our bus during the school year, you are welcome to hop on board. Just let Julie know ahead of time.
- **4:00-5:15 p.m.:** Kids can play in the gym and/or in the pool. Snack will be provided at the Y. Make sure to bring your swimsuit if you want to swim.
- **5:15 p.m.:** Parent pick up at the Y.

This is a free event. A YMCA permission form is needed for each child to participate. Parents – we need chaperones. Please email Julie at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you can help.

Year End Celebration for Grades 6-12

Wednesday, May 15, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

The last day of confirmation and High School Youth Group is Wednesday. We will meet in the Commons at 6:15 p.m. and walk as a large group to Hogan Brother's for ice cream! Compliments of St. John's.

Online Registration for the 2019-2020 Programming Year is Now Open!

Online registration is now available on our website (www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Click on Congregational Life, then Children & Youth Registration.

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

Solveig Bailey, Jim Thompson

Those celebrating the baptism of

Thomas Allen Ohland Toov, son of Alysia and Mark Toov

Those celebrating the wedding anniversary of

Gene and Dolores Nelson, 64 years of marriage

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of John Lygre

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

Linda Beckman, Elaine Feroe, Lois Pearson

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.

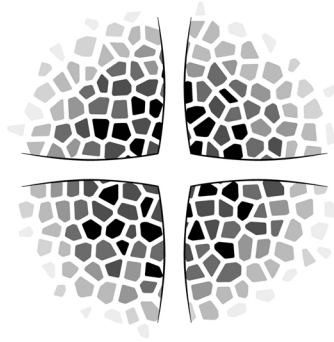
Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

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 13	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Eulalie Smestad, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Eulalie Smestad, Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Capstone Event Committee, Room 19
Tue., May 14	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	150 th Anniversary Steering Committee, Fireside Room
Wed., May 15	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming at the Y (Grades K-5)
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room
Thursday, May 16	6:15 p.m.	Year End Celebration for Grades 6-12, Meet in the Commons
	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall
Friday, May 17	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - John Lygre, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - John Lygre, Sanctuary
Saturday, May 18	3:00 p.m.	Wedding - Izzy Anderson and Andy Nelson, Sanctuary
Sunday, May 19	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Rings*

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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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