



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

*We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!*

*As we enter a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to follow CDC guidelines for public gatherings. We feel the different impacts of this time on our community and long for a time when we will be able to safely share in Holy Communion indoors, and to socialize without concern for public health. Whether this morning finds you in the sanctuary or joining in worship from home, please know that this is not our “new normal,” but a time of gradually learning how to be together in-person while we wait for more vaccinations and fewer COVID infections in our community.*

*Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.*



*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.*

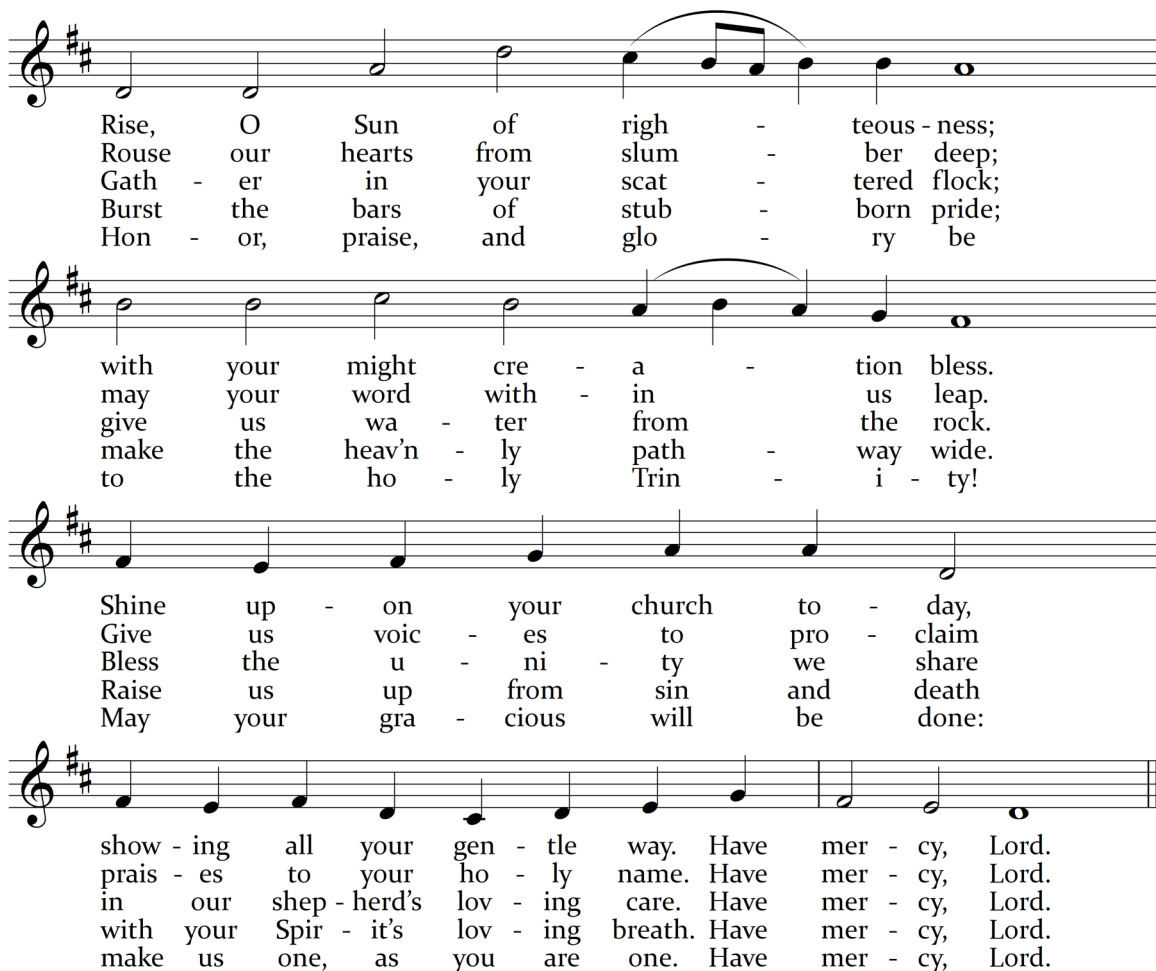
# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — Three settings of “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness” SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT  
Charles W. Ore, John Ferguson, David Schack

## Welcome and Announcements

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

**\*Gathering Hymn** — “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness” (#657) SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT



Rise, O Sun of righteousness; slumber deep;  
Gath'er in your scattered flock;  
Burst the bars of stubborn pride;  
Hon-our, praise, and glory be  
with your mighty creation bless.  
may your word with in us leap.  
give us wa-ter from the rock.  
make the heav'n-ly path way wide.  
to the ho-ly Trin-i-ty!

Shine up-on your church to-day,  
Give us voic-es to pro-claim,  
Bless the u-ni-ty we share  
Raise us up from sin and death  
May your gra-cious will be done:

show-ing all your gen-tle way. Have mer-cy, Lord.  
prais-es to your ho-ly name. Have mer-cy, Lord.  
in our shep-herd's lov-ing care. Have mer-cy, Lord.  
with your Spir-it's lov-ing breath. Have mer-cy, Lord.  
make us one, as you are one. Have mer-cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank Stoldt © 2003 Augsburg Fortress; Music: Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ,  
that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your  
church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## \*Baptism Acclamation — “You Have Put On Christ” (#211)

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

## \*Prayer of the Day

- P** Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and  
by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit  
transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son,  
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

## Children’s Message

## First Reading — Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

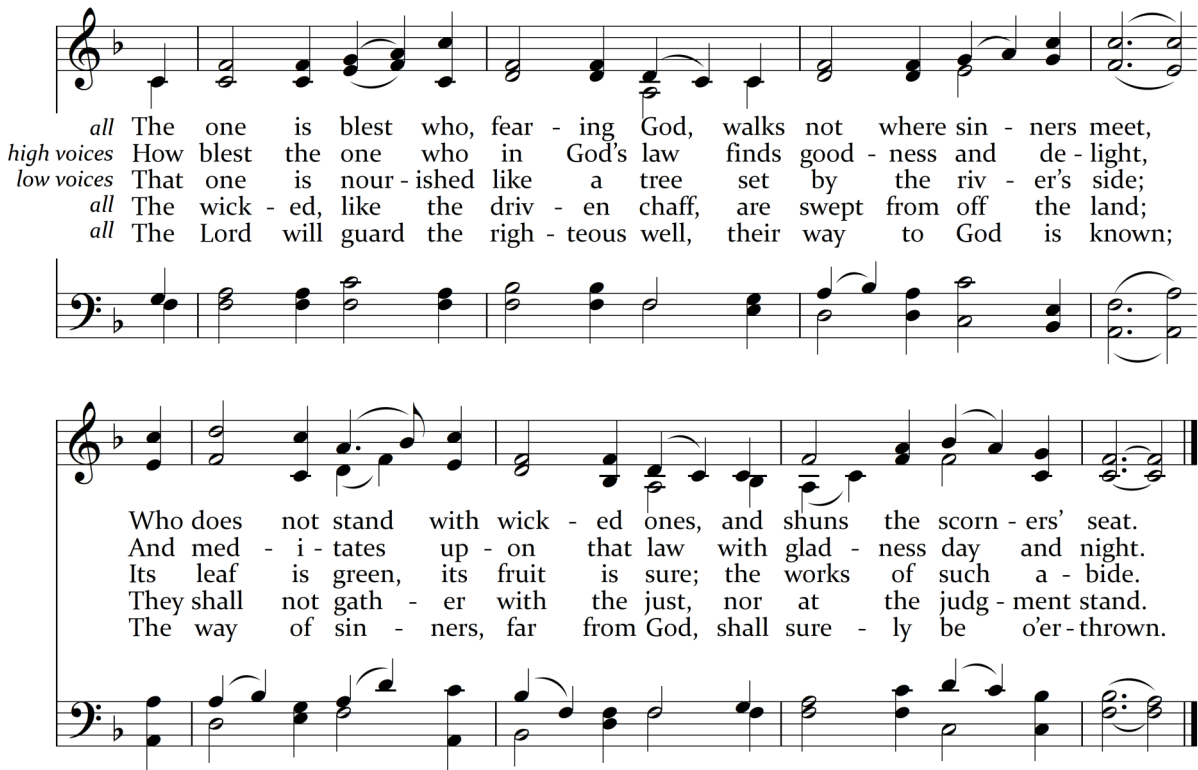
<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 1

LAND OF REST



all The one is blest who, fear - ing God, walks not where sin - ners meet,  
*high voices* How blest the one who in God's law finds good - ness and de - light,  
*low voices* That one is nour - ished like a tree set by the riv - er's side;  
 all The wick - ed, like the driv - en chaff, are swept from off the land;  
 all The Lord will guard the righ - teous well, their way to God is known;

Who does not stand with wick - ed ones, and shuns the scorn - ers' seat.  
 And med - i - tates up - on that law with glad - ness day and night.  
 Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure; the works of such a - bide.  
 They shall not gath - er with the just, nor at the judg - ment stand.  
 The way of sin - ners, far from God, shall sure - ly be o'er - thrown.

Text: The Psalter, 1912, alt.

## Second Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**L** The word of the Lord.      **G** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation (#174)



Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker, © 1985 admin. OCP Publications

### \*Gospel — John 17:6-19

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.      **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these

things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**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 — “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (# 655)

IN BABILONE



Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace.  
As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead;  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry; Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlitjes en Contradansen, 1710

### **\*The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition:*

- ☪ Lord, in your mercy,**
- ☩ 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:*

“Priere à Notre Dame” from *Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

## **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

- P** Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life: creating a wondrous universe, proclaiming freedom from captivity, becoming the song of your people.

**C** **We praise you, O God, for your Word.**

Your Word is made flesh among us:  
with Mary in the garden, you call us by name.  
With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe.  
With sheep of others folds, we are gathered by your voice.  
Your Word names our death and our life.

**C** **We bless you, O God, for your Word.**

By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things.  
Breathe into us your Holy Spirit. Fill us with strength to love,  
not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action.  
With every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them,  
we join in the hymn of all creation:

**C** **We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word. Amen.**

## **\*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.**

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

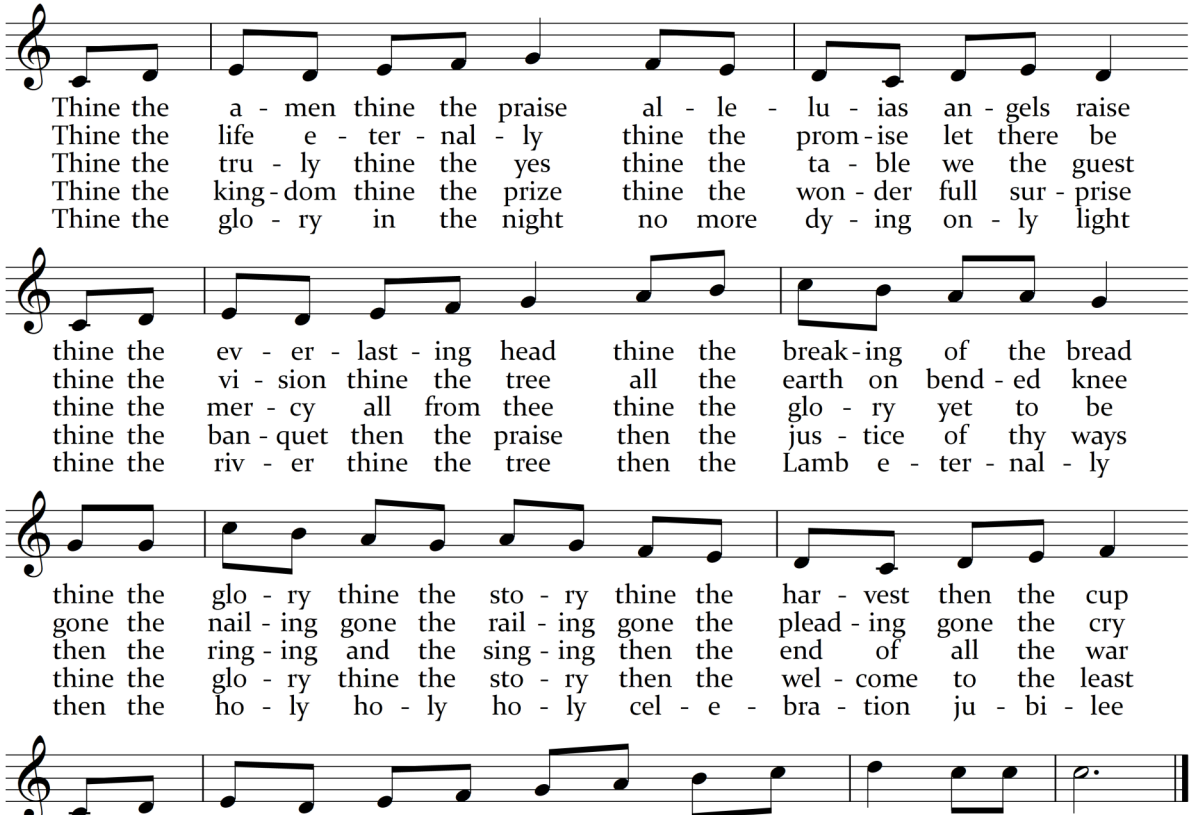
## \*Blessing

*Response:*

 Amen.

## \*Sending Hymn — “Thine the Amen” (#826)

THINE



Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering; Music: Carl F. Schalk © 1983 Augsburg Fortress

## \*Dismissal

- ℒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☞ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- ℒ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — on THINE

Kristina Langlois

*Please be seated for the Postlude.  
Ushers will dismiss you by rows.*



## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Michelle Prevost
Organist	Nathan Proctor

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Rick and Nancy Moe. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 1, 8 & 15. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## **In-Person Worship Sign-Ups**

Sign-ups are open for May Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. Children are welcome with their vaccinated (or recovered) parents. If you are still completing your vaccination series, consider signing up for later dates. We will be adding capacity to worship after Memorial Day. For more information about the stages of re-opening for Safe Operating, see the letter mailed to the congregation a couple of weeks ago and posted on our website.

## **Outdoor Worship Service**

**Sunday, June 13, 11:00 a.m., Goodtree Farm**

All are welcome to attend the outdoor service planned for Sunday, June 13. The link to sign up for this event is in the E-Voice.

## **Outdoor Afternoon Coffee and Communion**

**Wednesday, May 19, 2:00 p.m., Courtyard**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board will host outdoor church coffee and communion. As a first step to reintroducing face-to-face fellowship, the gatherings will be limited to 24 people. Please bring your own coffee or tea, and wear a mask. The Adult Ministry & Education Board will set up appropriately spaced chairs in the Courtyard. After catching up a bit over coffee, Pastor Pam or Pastor Jonathan will lead communion. You can sign up the coffee and communion event on Sign-Up Genius (the link can be found in the E-Voice).

## **Worship and Ecology: A Reading and Experiential Journey**

This summer Pastor Pam will be leading a reading group and series of events based on deepening our connection between worship and the earth. Each session will consist of a Zoom discussion of Ben Stewart's "*A Watered Garden: Christian Worship and Earth's Ecology*," followed (on a different day) by an outdoor experience connecting some of the elements of worship—water, light, bread, soil—with real world ecology. Each experience can be done by itself or as a series. Check the E-Voice for the link to order the book and express interest.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Lutheran World Relief May Fund Appeal**

Needs around the world continue even as the pandemic abates in some areas. Lutheran World Relief is spreading help and hope. Here is one story of need:

- Elsa was just a child when her entire village in Honduras was destroyed by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Today Elsa is 30 and has three young daughters. When back-to-back storms Eta and Iota swept through her village last fall, they brought a level of devastation that Elsa and her neighbors had hoped they'd never see again. With the impact of COVID-19 on top of the hurricanes' destruction, families have no idea how they'll feed their children or pay their bills.

Elsa's story is one among many. With a donation to Lutheran World Relief, we can help. Please consider an online donation or use the special offering envelope provided. Thank you.

## **Little Prairie United Methodist Church**

**Free Event: Sunday, May 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**2980 130<sup>th</sup> St. E., Dundas**

All are invited to come tour the one-room schoolhouse, built in 1800s, and hear firsthand what it was like to be a student there from alumni! There will be free ice cream treats for everyone, too!

## **Recordings of WELCA's Courageous Conversations**

*Resisting Racism* can be found on the St. John's Women Home page in the Programs section. Recordings include *Race Matters in Health Care* and *Race Matters in Education*. We invite and encourage you to listen to these powerful, insightful discussions.

See: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/women/programs/>

## **Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps**

Contact [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com) to place your order for contactless delivery.

## **Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!**

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take and eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **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*

Marilyn Boschee, Andy and Izzie Nelson, Susan Rudser

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James,  
Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,  
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Richard Olson, Virley Brown, 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

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

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 23):**

*Day of Pentecost*

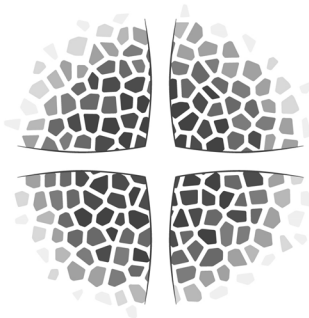
Acts 2:1-21 + Psalm 104 + Romans 8:22-27 + John 15:16-27; 16:4b-15

## **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).*

**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts  
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. ([www.kymnradio.net](http://www.kymnradio.net)).**

<b>Monday, May 17</b>	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Board, Fireside Room
<b>Wednesday, May 19</b>	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break
	2:00 p.m.	Outdoor Coffee and Communion, Church Courtyard
<b>Thursday, May 20</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Friday, May 21</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Saturday, May 22</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Sunday, May 23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour via Zoom



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*Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

*Sally Lindell, Parish Nurse*

*Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir*

*Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.