



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 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 — “This Little Light of Mine”

Valerie Stephenson

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

*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

- ☐ O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

Spark Story Bible, page 498

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by

them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 47:1-8

Antiphon: Walter Pelz

Antiphon: God has gone up with a shout. Sing praise to God!



¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

²**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**
a great king over | all the earth,

³who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;

⁴**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,**
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. Antiphon

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram’s horn.

⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;**
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.

⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;**
God is en- | throned on high. Antiphon

Second Reading — 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

☐ 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 17:1-11

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"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. ⁷Now they know

that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Drew Yackel

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

*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**

- ☒ 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) "Sounds of Joy"

Susan Geschke

(10:45) "The Last Spring" ("Våren")

Edvard Grieg

***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) **Solo** — “Prayer of the Norwegian Child”

Richard Kountz

I lay me down upon the ground, and think on my Lord Jesus; each flower and tree tells me of thee, and praises thee, Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus, think on me; make my soul like unto thee. I rest my head upon my bed, and think on my Lord Jesus. Send angels down to kneel around my bed at night, Lord Jesus. — Olaf Trojörgson

Hymn — ELW No. 657

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ 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

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 855

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — Festival Piece No. 1

Dagfinn Moe



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Rev. Drew Yackel, Associate Chaplain for Christian and Interfaith Life, Carleton College
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; Davis Sims, director
Cantor	(8:30) Heather Wallace, Church Music Intern
Livestream	Jon Kavanaugh
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Communion Cleanup	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	(8:30) Marie Benson (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece, Liz Rowley
Counters	David Becker, Marilyn Calcutt, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Larry Enfield, Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt, John Ophaug (10:45) Mike Bull, Susan Immel, Scott and Elaine Nesbit

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Thank You Rejoice Ringers!

Those ringing during the 2025–26 season:

Rod Christensen	Carrie Dauner
Dan Dauner	Alison Kavanaugh
Patsy Ophaug	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Rhonda Reece	Jane Rinehart
Susan Rudser	Julie Zdenek

Heather Wallace, Church Music Intern
David Sims, Director

Special thanks to all who filled in as subs this year.

Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Tony Becker and Beckie Judge. 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: June 7 and July 12 & 26.

St. John's Mission Partner: Lutheran World Relief Supports Humanitarian Assistance

Please consider a donation to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) this month. While emergencies affect people at all societal and economic levels, the world's poorest suffer the most because they have the fewest resources to prepare for a crisis and the fewest resources to rebuild afterward. When a disaster hits—whether it's a drought, tsunami, or civil war—LWR works over months and years to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to help people recover and adjust to new realities. You can give online or write a check payable to St. John's and indicate Lutheran World Relief on the subject line.

5th and 6th Grade Bridge Event

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

As 5th 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, 6th grade students are finishing up a big year of changes. We'll get together with pizza, games, and a chance for 5th and 6th 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.

High School Senior Recognition—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.

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!



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 with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, David Halsor, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson,
Greta Matzner-Gore, David Norman, Alice Rickert, Ingrid Alberding,
Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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, or contact a pastor.



This Week At-a-Glance

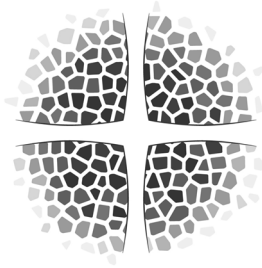
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, May 18	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, May 19	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Inspired Pens Writing Group, St. John's Library Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, May 20	5:30 p.m.	Wellspring Craft & Conversation, Fireside Room
Thursday, May 21	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Joan Bell, Commons Funeral - Joan Bell, Sanctuary Executive Committee via Zoom Suzuki Kids, Room 19 Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room New Moms Network, St. John's Library ISAIAH Leadership Group, Fireside Room
Friday, May 22	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 23		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 24	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 24):

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 † Psalm 104:24-34, 35b † 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 † John 20:19-23



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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.*