



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 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 — “Minuet” from *Water Music: Suite in G Major* George Fredrick Handel
“March in G Major” from *Judas Maccabaeus*, Act III

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Installation of WELCA Officers**

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 367 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
Stanzas 1-3

*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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

Spark Story Bible, page 526; Pew Bible, page 895

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 148

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS



Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
From the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



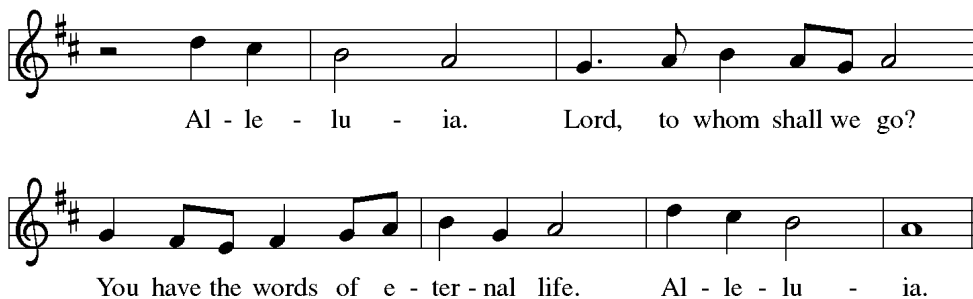
Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - mighty king!"
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars in God re - joice.
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Psalm Paraphrase: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — John 13:31-35**

Pew Bible, page 877

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.
- ☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Elsa Hoff

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 720

"We Are Called"

***Nicene Creed**

Front of hymnal — page 104

***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:

"Thine Is the Glory"

MACCABEUS and AZMON, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Rejoice Ringers

***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!**

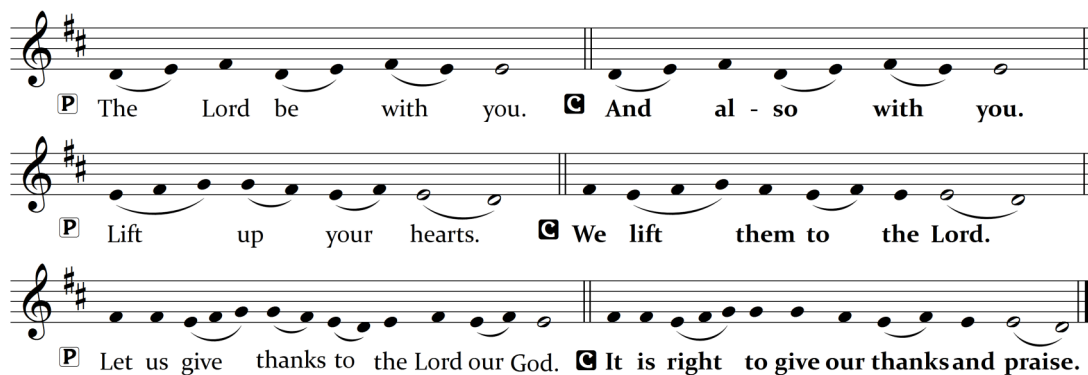
***Offering Prayer**

- 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



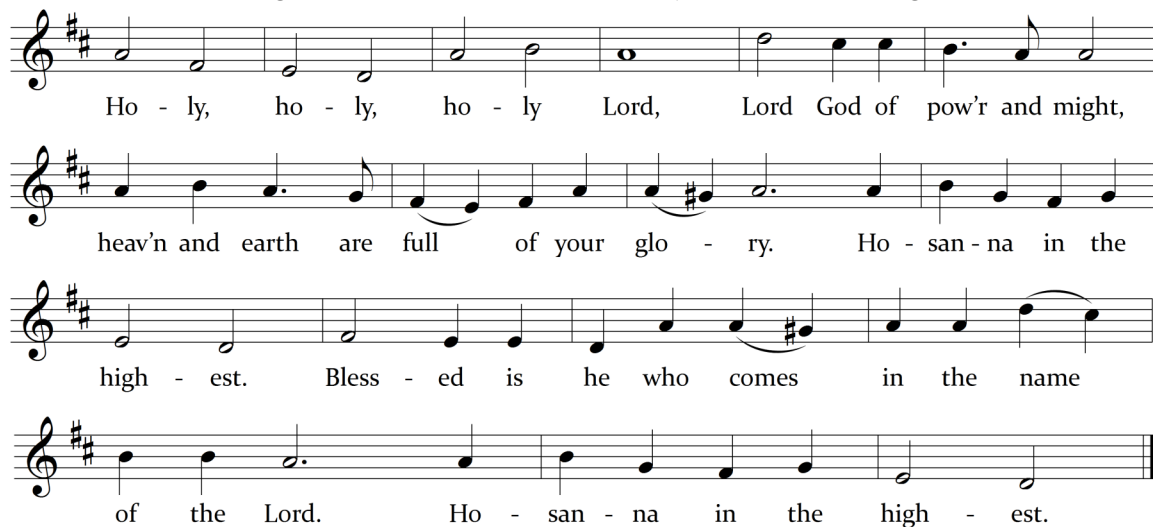
Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics: [P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you. The second staff contains: [P] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them to the Lord. The third staff contains: [P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [C] It is right to give our thanks and praise. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

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[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:



Four staves of musical notation in G major. The lyrics are: 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. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

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*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.

Anthem — "Psalm 24"

Sandra Eithun

Hymn — No. 359

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

A 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

(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 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Vincent Lübeck, jr.



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis, Elsa Hoff
Assisting Minister	(8:30) Dennis Rinehart
Reader	(10:45) Siri Lindell
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director
Acolytes	(8:30) Jacob Faust, Joshua Faust (10:45) Sam Froehle, Gavin Moore
Communion Preparers	David and Debby Nitz
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Willa Kmoch
Communion Cleanup	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marie Benson, Vernon Koester (10:45) Logan Matson, Sandra Nyvall, John Ophaug
Coffee and Refreshments	Gene and Lois Bakko, Gary Hagen, Marilyn Jacobson, Patsy Ophaug, Gordie and Dodie Mickelsen, Karen Wingate
Nursery	Hanna Anderson
Counters	Chuck and Anita Hellie, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, John Ophaug, Patsy Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner, Andrew Becker, Aidan Nutt

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 26):

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 † Psalm 67 † Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 † John 14:23-29

Congratulations to Our Graduating High School Seniors!

Andrew Becker, Halvor Bratland, Creegan Croone,
Erin Gunn, Elsa Hoff, Grant Huston,
Willa Kmoch, Siri Lindell, Kuchceang Mangok,
Logan Matson, Alison Nelson, Aidan Nutt, Anna Weber

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.

Installation of WELCA Executive Board Members

This morning the following women will be installed into the
St. John's Women's Executive Board for the 2019-20 season:

Maribeth Beck, Frances Boehning, Evelyn Bronson,
Marilyn Calcutt, Judith Cederberg, Jennifer Edwins,
Jo Franklin, Anita Hellie, Mary Holleque,
Janet Lotegeluaki, Jane Rinehart, Jeanette Rondestvedt,
Kathy Schuurman, Sue Sharrow, Julie Thorsheim,
Jean Wakely, Julie Zdenek

Thank You Rejoice Ringers!

Those ringing during the 2018-19 season:

Tracy Kochendorfer
Julie Zdenek
Katie Helgen
Marcia Yernberg
Susan Rudser
Jane Rinehart

Karen Christ
Joan Koester
Carrie Melby
Patsy Ophaug
Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Derek Melby

Invaluable Reserves:
Elizabeth Bade
Carol Hollen
Kayla McGrady
Naomi Miessler
Rachel Miessler
Jennifer Pelletier
Nathan Proctor
Amanda Timmer

Zachery Pelletier, director

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Gloria Ann Raadt by Paul Raadt and family. 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 16 & 23. 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. ****Please Note: The May 26th worship service will not be broadcast. Please see announcement below for more information.***

Summer Worship Schedule Changes Begin Next Sunday, May 26

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, services will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. This schedule will continue through September 8, EXCEPT for the month of July, when we will again have ONE service at 9:30 a.m. for that month. From Monday, May 20, through Saturday, June 1, our Sanctuary will be painted. In order to do this work most efficiently, worship will take place in St. John's Hall next Sunday, May 26.

High School Senior Recognition

St. John's High School Graduates receive a quilt from St. John's. 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, Jeanie Owens, Marie Struss, Julie Brehmer, and the St. John's Quilters for helping construct the quilts.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Please stop by the table in the Commons between services today for information on local mental health services.

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 this 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.

Save the Date!!! Our Next 150th Anniversary Celebration is a Congregational Picnic!

Saturday, July 13, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Way Park

We will be having food, fun, and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Calling all grill masters, bakers, and kids at heart!

We need help with the upcoming Congregational Picnic (see the above announcement). If you are willing to help out that Saturday by giving an hour of your time, we would appreciate it. For more details or to volunteer, please call Sue Brockman or Brian Evenson at 507-650-0814.

Announcements (continued)

Troubadours Concert Venue Change

New Time and Location: Today, 3:30 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church

The venue for the Troubadours Concert scheduled for 3:00 p.m. today at Bethel Lutheran Church has been changed to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 418 Sumner Street, at 3:30 p.m.

Thank You from the Properties & Grounds Board

Thank you to all who helped clean up the grounds at St. John's. Your help is much appreciated!

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!

St. John's Website

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

St. John's Hall and Commons were buzzing last Sunday as the Children's Ministry & Education and Stewardship Boards brought our congregation together to celebrate our many volunteers and the end of another successful Sunday School year.

Serving the cake with a thumbprint on it was a reminder that each of our gifts to St. John's are as unique as our thumbprint! Many thumbprints are very visible: members of church boards, Sunday School teachers, workers keeping our grounds beautiful, cooking and serving our Wednesday meals. Other thumbprints are not as visible: Stephen ministers, drivers for those needing rides, calls and visits to the home bound, and last but not least and the easiest and free - a warm smile and greeting.

Seeing and listening to the interactions of parents, children and those doing activities with our Sunday School children just brought joy to our hearts!

Thank you St. John's - let's keep spreading our thumbprints!

Fondly,
The Stewardship Board and Children's Ministry & Education Board

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, Anthony DeGrego, Lester Gunderson

Those celebrating the marriage of

Izzy Anderson and Andy Nelson

Prayers of thanksgiving for the

50th wedding anniversary of Keith and Torild Homstad who were married at St. John's on May 16, 1969, by Rev. Paul Peterson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller,
Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Joanne Sommers,
Jim Thompson, Julie Westerbach, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Gloria Porter, Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie

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

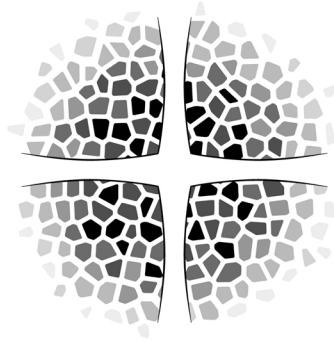
*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., May 20	10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room
Tue., May 21	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., May 22	5:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room
Thursday, May 23	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Iftar Dinner with Pastor Jonathan, Offsite - Bloomington
Friday, May 24	8:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall French Conversation Group, Fireside Room Tai Chi Chih, St. John's Library
Saturday, May 25		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 26	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, St. John's Hall Worship / Nursery, St. John's Hall



Worship hours will change next Sunday, May 26.

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Worship



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