

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022 † 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. Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), G 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 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

(8:30) Prelude — String Trio in G minor	Jean Sibelius			
22:30 String Trio				
(10:45) Prelude — "Chanson dans la Nuit" <i>Jeanette Pelletier, harp</i>	Carlos Salzedo			
Welcome and Announcements				

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.
- **G** And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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

Children's Message

First Reading — Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



¹May God be merciful to [|] us and bless us; may the light of God's face [|] shine upon us.
²Let your way be known [|] upon earth, your saving health a- [|] mong all nations.
³Let the peoples praise [|] you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you.
⁴Let the nations be glad and [|] sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- [|] tions on earth. Antiphon
⁵Let the peoples praise [|] you, O God; let all the [|] peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has brought [|] forth its increase; God, our own [|] God, has blessed us.
⁷May God [|] give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth [|] stand in awe. Antiphon

Second Reading — Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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



*Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel — John 14:23-29

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you

of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

Sermon

Sylvi Hanson and Elle Hall-Holt

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 631

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*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.

G 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) Largo

Georg-Philipp Telemann

(10:45) "La Fille aux cheveux de lin"

Claude Debussy



***Offering Prayer**

- Let us pray.
- Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving **P** The Lord be with C And you. al - so with you. **G** We lift the Lord. Lift hearts. them to P your up thanks to the Lord our God. G It is right to give our thanks and praise. **P** Let us give **P** It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn: Ο Lord God of pow'r and might, - ly Ho - ly, ho ly, ho Lord, **#**• full heav'n and earth are of your glo Ho - san - na in the гy. high est. Bless ed is he who comes in the name 0. of the Lord. Ho san - na the high est. in

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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

(8:30) **Solo** — "Morning Light"

Cary John Franklin

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- **G** Amen.

(10:45) Blessing and Sending of High School Seniors

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 543

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Vincent Lübeck, Jr.

"Go My Children, with My Blessing"

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Sylvi Hanson
Assisting Minister	Elle Hall-Holt (8:30) Emmanuel Kaghondi
Organist	(10:45) Graduates Nathan Proctor
0	(8:30) Kalli Sobania, violin
	Alex Long, viola Meleah Chang, cello
Harp	(10:45) Jeanette Pelletier
Communion Service Coffee and Refreshments	Angie Gehring Angie Gehring
Counters Ushers	Merilyn Calcutt, Reed Hagberg, David Nitz (8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall

Congratulations to Our Graduating High School Seniors!

Jackson Blomberg, Lindsey Canedy, Trevor Dell, Elle Hall-Holt, Seth Hansen, Sylvi Hanson,Oden Hoff, Quinn Jackman, Elena Mikula, Nickolas Mikula, Charlie Neeb, Ainsley Nutt, Alexander Organ, Jeanette Pelletier, Mary Rizzo, Tate Sand, Bailey Sauve

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.

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 Sue Brockman, Tricia Peterson, Julie Brehmer, and the St. John's Quilters for helping construct the quilts.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Fred J. Gaggioli on his birthdate, May 25, 1954, by his family. 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), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: June 19 & 26 and August 7 & 21.

High School Senior Recognition

Today, May 22, 10:45 a.m.

Join us as we formally recognize and congratulate St. John's High School Seniors during worship!

Summer Worship Schedule Changes Begin Next Sunday, May 29

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, services will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. This schedule will continue through September 11, EXCEPT for the month of July, when we will again have ONE service at 9:30 a.m. for that month.

Mental Health First Aid Course Offered at St. John's

Tomorrow, Monday, May 23, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Come learn about signs, symptoms, and how to respond to others with mental health concerns in this FREE training! Adult Mental Health First Aid has information and skills that everyone in our community should know about. People need others to be prepared to listen and to be aware of the resources available, especially in this ever-changing COVID time. It will be a worthwhile investment of your time! For information on how to register, go to the St. John's website. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy during the break as the break is not long enough to go out to lunch. Questions? Email Laura@healthycommunityinitiative.org.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2

St. John's vs. Bethel

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

One Usher Still Needed for the Late Service on the 3rd Sunday of the Month

If you'd like to help with this important role, please contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or <u>sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. No prior experience is necessary—you will receive instructions/training. This role is just one service per month, and substitutes can be contacted if needed. This is a great way to serve during worship!

Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, June 16, from 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Please consider helping by donating blood at our upcoming blood drive. Sign up at <u>https://</u><u>www.redcross.org/give-blood.html</u> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Announcements (continued)

Life in the Time of COVID. Tell us your story ...

In our community the first infections began in mid-March 2020, and the pandemic remains an ongoing public health crisis. In one way or another we still feel its impact on our lives. The Faith & Health Board invites St. John's members of all ages to reflect on living in the time of COVID.

- We are looking for stories from 100 to 2500 words in length. Artwork and poetry are also welcome. Submissions will close May 31, 2022.
- Please email your story to: <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. If you cannot send us your story by email, paper submissions are welcome at the St. John's office.
- Please see the link on the St. John's homepage for how families can submit for their children.

May Special Offering

Every year St. John's encourages members to make a special gift in May for Lutheran World Relief. Founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the United States, Lutheran World Relief is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

Relief for Ukraine

This month the board designated \$1,000 from St. John's funds to the Eastern European Crisis Fund of Lutheran Disaster Relief to provide aid for those affected by the war in Ukraine. Members may send their own gifts to LDR at <u>https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/</u>

Children and Youth Ministries

Vacation Bible School is Coming An outdoor Family VBS provided by Bethel, St. John's, St. Peter's, and Emmaus. When: Wednesdays, June 15 & 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Where: Outdoors at Bethel (We will move indoors if raining.) Who: Designed for Kids up through Elementary Cost: \$20 per family

Register Online: <u>https://forms.gle/kWGJ6vxZo4qMdB6W6</u>

Open Door Preschool is taking registrations for the 2022–2023 school year!

Open Door Preschool provides a safe, gentle, and inclusive learning environment that allows your child to grow socially, emotionally, creatively, and academically. To learn more, go to their website at <u>www.opendoorpreschoolnorthfield.org</u>.

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 Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Paul Peterson, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), Rich Rizzo (brother of Bill Rizzo),

Those mourning the loss of a loved one Family of Amy Shanaa (daughter of Ron and Carol James)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

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 Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or <u>macisar@gmail.com</u>, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 29):

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34 + Psalm 97 + Revelation 22:12-21 + John 17:20-26

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, May 23	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Mental Health First Aid, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, May 24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Northfield Grief Coalition, Fellowship Hall Church Council, Undercroft Boy Scouts, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, May 25	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
Thursday, May 26	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, May 27	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 28		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 29	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship, Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



Summer Worship Schedule for June Begins Sunday, May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend)

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Between Services



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