



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE 2, 2019 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:00 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** — Three settings of “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness” SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT  
Charles W. Ore, John Ferguson, and David Schack

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 657 “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

## \*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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ, our 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 16:16-34

Spark Story Bible, page 536; Pew Bible, page 900

*After the reading:*

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 97

Paraphrase Michael Morgan, NOËL NOUVELET



God reigns! Earth re - joic - es! O - ceans shout God's might!  
Fires will blaze the path - way; stars will mark the place  
E - vil walks be - side us, crush - es with its grief;  
Light dawns for the right - eous, joy for God's own heirs;



Clad in truth and joy, God's throne is our de - light.  
when God comes in glo - ry, meets us face to face.  
yet in God the faith - ful find their sure re - lief.  
love all loves ex - cel - ling; grace be - yond com - pare.



Clouds roll a - side, and night be - comes as day.  
Moun - tains will shake, and worth - less i - dols fall;  
Shack - les will break, and chains of bon - dage cease;  
Daugh - ters and sons, God's maj - es - ty pro - claim!



God will dwell a - mong us; God will show the way!  
Zi - on will re - joice, for God is Lord of all!  
for - mer lam - en - ta - tions now are songs of peace.  
Let your hearts de - clare the Lord's most ho - ly name!

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*After the reading:*

- 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 17:20-26

*Before the reading:*

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

*After the reading:*

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day** — No. 551

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

**\*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:*

"Aria"

Craig Phillips

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

O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -  
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al le lu ia! You are, while end - less ag - es  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## \*Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**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** 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.

## \*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. This morning we commune by means of **intinction** (dipping the wafer into the chalice). You will be given a wafer and offered a choice of two chalices.*

*The **wine** is red; the **grape juice** is white. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center, and there is a chalice of grape juice in the center for the gluten-free wafers only.*

*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.

Hymn — No. 717

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

Hymn — No. 482

"I Come with Joy"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing



**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ 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

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

℣ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — No. 389

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

J. Wayne Kerr



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Servers	(8:30) Pat Fick, Dave Neuger (10:00) Angie Gehring, Christy Hall-Holt
Communion Cleanup	Georgene Johnson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD (10:00) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Nursery	Anne France
Counters	Jim Enestvedt, Martha Erickson, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:00) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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## **Shared Ministry**

*Sign ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org), by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.*

### **Sunday Hospitality Is a Great Way to Serve AND Get to Know People at St. John's!**

During the summer, we open up sign-ups for the roles of greeting, coffee service, and communion preparing & clean-up to the whole congregation. Yes, that means everyone is invited! Please look at your calendars to see when you are in town, and let us know when you will join in the fun of serving together! Sign-up sheets are in the Commons on an easel, or sign up online at: [https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group\\_detail.php?group\\_id=136](https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=136)

### **Rhubarb Sunday is Next Week!**

#### **Sunday, June 9, Between Services in St. John's Hall**

Can you aid with this special fruit Sunday? Can you bring in flowers or help with set up on Saturday, June 8? If you cannot help on Saturday, can you help on Sunday with the last-minute details of making coffee, plating the desserts, serving, cleaning up, making coffee? Of course, we also need people to make the delicious desserts to serve on our special fruit Sunday, too! Sign-ups are available in the Commons, online thru CCB, or by contacting Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or by calling 507-645-4429.

## **Children and Youth Ministries**

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

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

### **Summer Camp is Coming!**

- VBS is June 10-13 at St. John's with the theme "To Mars and Beyond"  
(Age 3-Grade 2 completed)
- Settlers Camp is June 26-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 2-4)
- Pathfinders Camp is June 23-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 3-5)

Registration is open now for Settlers and Pathfinders. Visit the Good Earth Village website at [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org). VBS registration forms are available in the upper or lower Commons.

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Roger Hand by his 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: July 7, 14 & 28. 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.

## **Summer Reading Group**

This is an opportunity to read and discuss one novel a month on the third Wednesday. *Little Faith* by Nicholas Butler on June 19, *The Road Back to Sweet Grass* by Linda LaGarde Grover on July 17, and *Tinkers* by Paul Harding on August 21.

- If you want to order *Sweet Grass* contact Marilyn, [merilyn.calcutt@gmail.com](mailto:merilyn.calcutt@gmail.com).
- To participate, contact Genevieve, [davidquarberg@hotmail.com](mailto:davidquarberg@hotmail.com), Anita [ahellie@charter.net](mailto:ahellie@charter.net), or Norma [njgilber@gmail.com](mailto:njgilber@gmail.com). The group will meet in the Library at St. John's at a time determined by the group.

**Save the Date! Our Next 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Bus Tour to the Minnesota Landscape Artoretum**

**Tuesday, June 18, 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Sign Up Dates: Sundays, June 2 and June 9**

**Cost: \$60**

The bus will arrive at St. John's for boarding around 9:15 a.m. and leaving at 9:30 a.m. We will eat lunch together (Flower Pot Lunch Box) in the Azalea Room and then take a 50 minute narrated tram tour around the grounds of the Arboretum. There should be time to wander (there's a gift shop) on your own. The bus should return to Northfield by 3:30 p.m. Bob and Sandra Nyvall will be our tour hosts. The Adult Ministry & Education Board is sponsoring this trip. You can find much information about Minnesota Landscape Arboretum online at [www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **From the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board**

Did you know that once school is out for the summer, many Northfield families become food insecure? The Northfield CAC food shelf is currently seeking cash donations and food donations, but most importantly, volunteers to help during the busy summer. Would you consider giving an hour or two of your time? You can choose to be a guide to shoppers, to stock shelves, to pick up or sort donated produce, or other tasks. Contact Dawn, the CAC volunteer coordinator, at 507-664-3585 or email [info@communityactioncenter.org](mailto:info@communityactioncenter.org).

## **Call to Reflection on Gun Violence**

This spring marks two significant anniversaries of gun violence connected to ELCA churches. Ten years ago on May 31, a shooter killed Dr. Glenn Tiller on a Sunday morning at Reformation Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas. June 17 marks the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the shootings at Mother Emmanuel AME in Charleston, South Carolina. One of the victims was a graduate of an ELCA seminary; the shooter was a member of an ELCA congregation. The ELCA calls the church to a “60 Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence” beginning June 16 this summer. A guide to prayer, Scripture, and church teaching will offer activities for each day. Paper copies will be available at church but the full guide is best accessed online at <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Addressing-Social-Concerns/60-Days>

## **St. John’s Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

## **Reminder of Deadlines:**

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Edition

Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

Thank you.

## **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*

Lester Gunderson, Sue Hagen, Gordon Smith

*Those celebrating the marriage of*

Rebekah Thomas and Madeline Cochrane

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Renee Marsh (daughter of Pam Schwandt)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

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

*All who are homebound, including*

Arlene Sivanich, Richard Olson, Virley Brown

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

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 9):**

*Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21 + Psalm 104:24-34, 35b + Romans 8:14-17 + John 14:8-17

# **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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

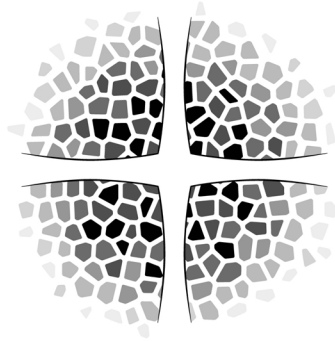
<b>Mon., June 3</b>	8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
<b>Tue., June 4</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., June 5</b>	9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, June 6</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, June 7</b>	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, St. John's Library
<b>Saturday, June 8</b>	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room Funeral - Brynhild Rowberg, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Rhubarb Sunday with Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

## **Open House in Celebration of Mary White's 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday**

You are invited to join Mary  
on Sunday, June 9, between 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
to help her celebrate her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The celebration will take place in the Parkview West Dining Room  
at the Northfield Retirement Center.





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Melissa Berthelsen, *Parish Nurse*

Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Tim Byers, *Facility Manager*

Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager*

Angie Gehring / Emerson Clay, *Youth Support Staff*

Angie Gehring / Christy Hall-Holt, *Shared Ministry Coordinators*

Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Rings*

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*

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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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