



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024 † 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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

We begin with Mark's story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. After we share in Holy Communion, we change the chancel paraments, an act which marks the change in mood inherent to the day, and a shift from Lent into Holy Week. Our worship ends without a benediction as our journey towards the cross continues. We urge you to attend the full progression of worship this week. (See page 10 for a worship schedule.)

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Prelude — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Emma Lou Diemer

*All who would like to process with palm branches
are invited to meet the pastors in the narthex during the prelude.*

Please turn and face the entrance.

*Greeting

- ☐ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- ☑ **Hosanna in the highest!**

***Processional Gospel** — Mark 11:1-11

Spark Story Bible, page 454

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.
- ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

*Blessing of the Palms

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

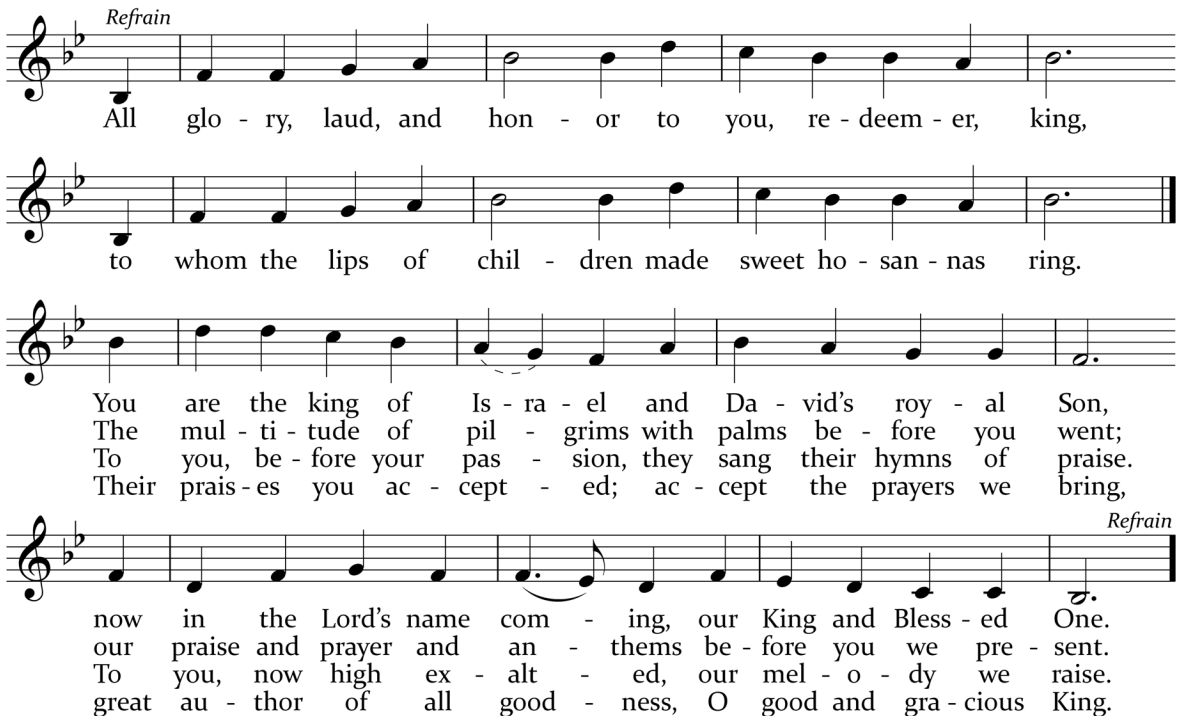
P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
You are the king of Is - ra - el and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,
now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melchior Teschner

*Prayer of the Day

- P** Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Homily

Pastor Jonathan Davis

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 343

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Stanzas 1-3

The Passion Story — Mark 14:1—15:47

Pew Bible, page 826
Spark Story Bible, page 462

After the reading:

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 343

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Stanzas 4-6

*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.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

(8:30) "Ride On, King Jesus"

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on, king Jesus, ride on, the conquering king. No man can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross.

He's the king and the Lord of all. Jesus is the first and he's the last.

Jesus is the Lord, Lord of lords. Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace.

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Robert Below

***Offering Hymn** — "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

FRANCKE

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

***Offering Prayer**

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.**

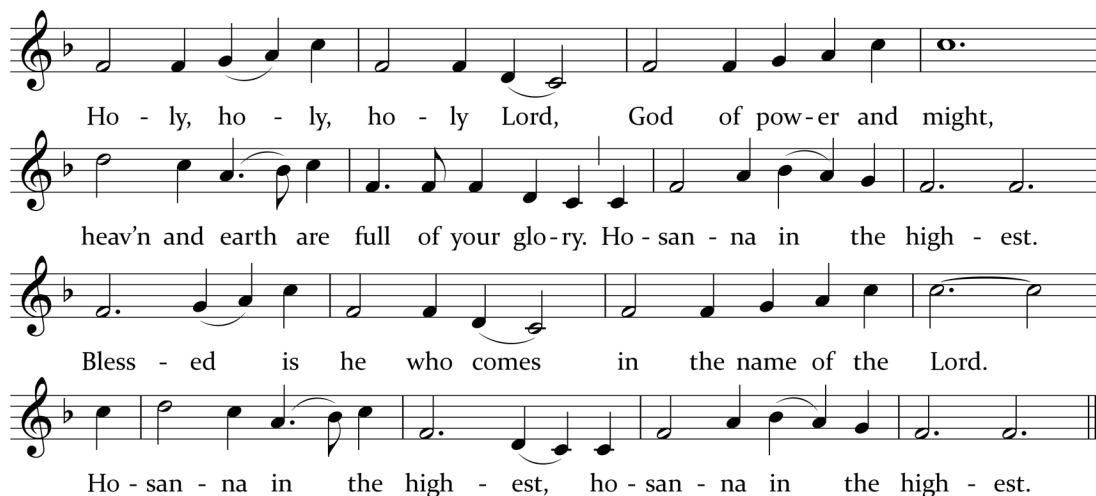
Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also 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, God of pow-er 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, 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”



Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

(8:30) Anthem — “Walk with Me, Lord”

Spiritual, arr. Rosephanye Powell

*Walk with me, Lord. All along this tedious journey, walk with me, Lord.
Please walk with me. When I'm burdened, walk with me. When my head is bowed
down in sorrow, walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me, O Lord. Along this
tedious journey, Lord, walk with me. You are my shield. You are my sword.
Until I make it safely home, Lord, walk with me.*

Hymn — ELW No. 345

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☒ Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- ☒ **Amen.**

The Changing of the Paraments

*The paraments are changed from purple to scarlet,
marking the beginning of Holy Week.*

Musical Reflection — “Were You There”

Spiritual, arr. Craig Phillips

*The congregation leaves in silence.
Our worship continues on Maundy Thursday.*

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Holy Communion
12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

Liturgy of Good Friday
12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion at both Services

8:30 a.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Rudser Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) Jane Turpin Moore
Soloist	(8:30) Birch Carlson
Communion Prep	Jon and Cindy McBroom, Vicki Otis
Communion Cleanup	Jon and Cindy McBroom
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Kibby Errington
Coffee Service	Leif Knecht, Bob and Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Kibby Errington
Counters	Vicki Otis, Bill and Jane Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Bob Nyvall, Kent Rommereim, Eric Sponheim

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 24)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Next Week (March 31)

Easter Breakfast, St. John's Hall

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Sharon Bishop in memory of her parents. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: March 28, 29 & 31 and April 21.

Today is Palm Sunday

You are invited to be part of the palm processional for either the 1st or 2nd service. Please meet in the Narthex ten minutes before the start of the service.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. at St. John's

Families with kids 5th grade and younger are welcome to hunt. Invite friends and neighbors too! Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. Donation baskets are in the upper and lower Commons. Thanks so much!

Easter Breakfast is Back! Egg Bake Donations Needed

The youth of the congregation will host a breakfast of egg bakes, muffins, and fruit on Easter Sunday morning for members and guests. While youth usually serve and provide the fruit and muffins, we rely on the congregation's generosity to provide the egg bakes. We'll provide an empty pan and recipe, and you bring it back cooked and warm on Easter morning by 8:30 a.m. Sign-ups and pans are located in the Commons. Cost is \$5 per person / \$25 per family.

Easter Garden 2024

In a change from previous years, St. John's members are invited to make a \$10.00 donation to the Easter Garden with the option to include their name and the name of the person(s) to be remembered, honored, or in gratitude. Please submit donations by Sunday, March 24. Anyone wishing to take a lily may do so after the second service on Easter Sunday. Forms are available in the Commons.

Thank You to St. John's Thrivent members who have directed their **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to our congregation! These funds are a valuable resource for the Church Council to direct to mission and ministry. The deadline for directing 2023 funds is March 31! Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Announcements (continued)

Spring Break from Sunday School and Youth Gathering: No Programs March 24, 27 & 31

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is underway through April 6. Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. You are invited to join its efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity. You may use the St. John's special offering envelope for the CAC Food Shelf. Please write your check to St. John's and indicate CAC Food Shelf on the memo line. You can also give online through the St. John's website.

Sacred Sites Tour

There will be a Sacred Site Tour of the Twin Cities area sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches.

- Tour: Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **Cost: \$30/person paid by April 14.** Make check payable to St. John's and give to Ellen Ellickson.
- Sites visited: Fort Snelling State Park, Dakota Internment camp, Pilot Knob Hill

Mission Morning

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.–Noon, Meet in St. John's Hall

Calling all women! Have a fun morning of kit packing, quilt tying, bandage rolling, fellowship, making new friends, and changing the world for the better...one kit at a time. To contribute items for the kits, pick up a list under the Women's bulletin board in the Commons, or go to this link: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/files/List2024.jpg>. Please bring in donated items by April 14. Cash is also welcome. Make check payable to St. John's WELCA, Mission Morning on the memo line.

The Property & Grounds Board Adopt-A-Garden Program

In order to reduce maintenance costs each summer season, church members are asked to volunteer to maintain fifteen gardens on the grounds. As former gardeners retire from their duties, gardens become available for "adoption." For the 2024 season, there are two gardens needing immediate adoption by individuals or by families. If you are interested in this program and seek more information, please contact board member [Jo Ann Polley via email](#). Thank you!

Courageous Conversations: *From Trauma to Triumph—Hope and Resilience: A Lakota Perspective* **Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, a prominent member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and trailblazer within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is the first Native woman to earn a Ph.D. in theology in the ELCA. Born in South Dakota, her Lakota roots deeply influence her unique theological perspective. A dedicated educator, she teaches on social justice and spirituality's role in social change.

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

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Janice Kasa, Paul Klinefelter, Roberta Morse

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Wendy Scholz (daughter of Cora Scholz)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

Janice Helgeson, VaLois Mandsager, Richard Olson

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

Dealing with an illness, a life change, or a problem you face alone? A Stephen Minister's caring presence may help. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, 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.

Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15-6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

*March 27: No Meal - Holy Week
April 2: Meals Resume*

All are welcome!

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

This Week At-a-Glance

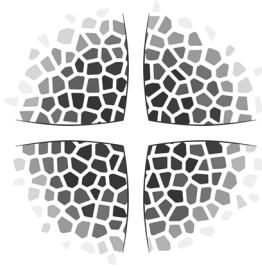
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Mar. 25	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Mar. 26	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	10:30 a.m.	Writing Group: "Inspired Pens," St. John's Library
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Mar. 27	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:30 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 28	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	12:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Friday, Mar. 29	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Mar. 30	9:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt, St. John's
Sunday, Mar. 31	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 31):

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9 † Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 † 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 † Mark 16:1-8



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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.*