

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018 † 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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Palm Sunday

This Sunday in our liturgical year is known sometimes as “Palm Sunday,” sometimes as “Passion Sunday.” This year we focus on the former, knowing that we have several days ahead this week to mark Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. We begin with Mark’s story of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but throughout this event we know that the crowds who hail him with one breath quickly turn to condemn him with the next.

Our worship reflects this passage as we move from shouts of “Hosanna!” to the cry, “Crucify him!” We begin with a festive procession waving palm branches, and end with the mournful sounds of organ and cello quoting the hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus.”

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 the Triduum from Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. (See page 14 for a full worship schedule.)

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Prelude — on VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN Emma Lou Diemer

*All children 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 Pew Bible, page 823; Spark Story Bible, page 454

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

After the reading: ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Blessing of the Palms**

***Processional 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,

To Refrain

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.

*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.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, page 594

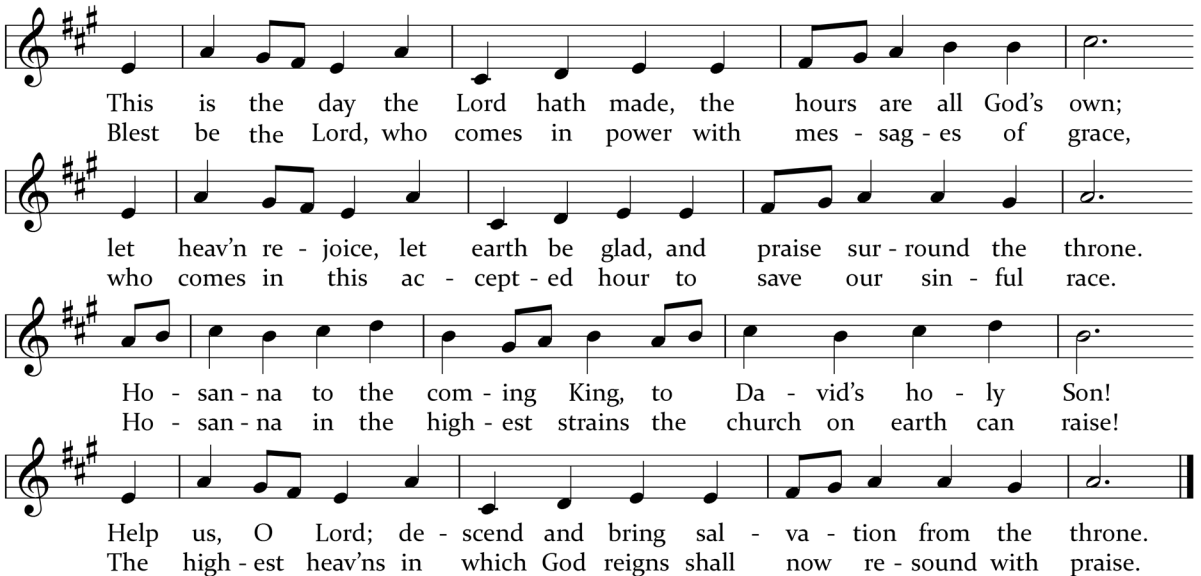
After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118 — “This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made”

ELLACOMBE



This is the day the Lord hath made, the hours are all God's own;
Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag - es of grace,
let heav'n re - joice, let earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
who comes in this ac - cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
Ho - san - na to the com - ing King, to Da - vid's ho - ly Son!
Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on earth can raise!
Help us, O Lord; de - scent and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
The high - est heav'ns in which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

Psalm paraphrase: Isaac Watts, 1719

Second Reading — Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible, page 954

After the reading:

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 353

“Were You There”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — all in harmony

Stanza 5 — all

***The 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

(8:30) “Lenten Meditation”

Craig Carnahan

St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

Michael D. Costello

***Offering Hymn** — “Create in Me a Clean Heart” For music, see Hymn No. 188

**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**

L Let us pray together.

C **Merciful God,**
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.
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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise...

P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C Amen.

P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C Amen.

P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

C Amen.

*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.

On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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.

Solo — "Meditation"

Georgeann Weaver

Hymn — No. 345

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

*Post-Communion Blessing

The Changing of the Paraments

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

Solo — "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Raymond H. Haan

Zachery Pelletier, cello

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

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Dan Geslin
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cello	Zachery Pelletier
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Dick Dahlin, Jane Rinehart (10:45) Christy Hall-Holt, Mark Rydberg
Acolytes	(8:30) Jacob Faust, Jackson Volkert (10:45) Madison Hanson, Seth Hanson
Communion Preparer	Nicholas Boehning
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Elden and Solveig Zempel
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Joyce Moore, Jon and Jeanette Rondestvedt (10:45) Dick and Solveig Beckmen, Joyce Moore
Coffee and Refreshments	Elizabeth Busa, Jim and Judy Cederberg, Char Nelson, Joyce Moore, Jean Wakely
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Otto and LaVerne Reitz, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 25):
Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

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, Mary Haas

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Elaine Kringen

Family of Beulah Aamot (sister of Sylvia Solberg)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Joe Nesheim, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Angie Johnson Groth, Carol Stubbs

All who are homebound, including

Donna Kallestad, Joan Carlson, Arlene Sivanich

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; Randy and Carol Stubbs & Family,

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 Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or 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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 1):

EASTER SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:6-9 † Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 † John 20:1-18



150 YEARS OF GRACE OVERFLOWING

**In celebration of 150 years of gifts given:
Extending God's grace in our community for the next 150 years.**

Because of your overwhelming generosity, it is with full hearts that we can confirm that we will be able to renew our worship space, extend our welcome, and increase accessibility to all generations; and this abundant generosity that overflows to our whole community will continue and expand well into the future!

THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the Grace Overflowing Campaign! We are so grateful for your gifts. If you have yet to turn in a pledge, we urge you to do so in the next few days so that we can add it to our total that will be revealed on Easter Sunday.

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of the ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” ~2 Corinthians 9:10-12.

Holy Week and Easter Hospitality Needs

Donate Egg Bakes!

Each year, youth of the congregation host a breakfast on Easter morning for members and guests of egg-bakes, muffins, and fruit. While youth usually serve and provide the fruit and muffins, we've relied on the congregation's generosity to provide the egg bakes. We'll provide an empty pan and recipe, and all you have to do is bring it back uncooked on Saturday, March 31. Sign ups and pans are located in the Commons outside St. John's Hall.

Please Sign Up to Be Part of Holy Week Hospitality

Holy Week and Easter are happening during Spring Break this year! If you are planning to be in town for any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil on Saturday, and Easter Sunday, **would you and yours be willing to be Greeters, Welcome Desk representatives, or Communion Servers, Preparers and/or Clean Up helpers?** If so, please either sign up online thru CCB under the group *Holy Week Hospitality*, or contact Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429 or connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Sawyer Garlie whose birthday was March 24 and in celebration of his cousin Rhett Garlie's birthday on March 23 and his brother Brody Garlie's birthday on March 30. 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. Dates available: May 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 31, 7:00 p.m., St. John's

This beautiful service of readings, music, remembrance of baptism, and communion has become a pattern at St. John's in recent years since St. Olaf no longer hosts it. If you can be a reader, speaker, singer, ringer, carrier (of flowers or candles), usher, or greeter contact Nathan Proctor.

St. John's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 9:30 a.m., Commons

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt invites children up to grade 5, along with parents, to meet in St. John's Commons at 9:30 a.m. for an "egg-citing" hunt. Make sure to bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs and feel free to bring friends! *Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy and small items to fill the eggs. A donation basket is in the upper Commons. Thanks so much!*

Laura Baker Services - St. John's Creative Arts Group

Wednesday, April 11, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Undercroft

Something new is beginning this spring: a creative arts group with members of Laura Baker Services. The first activity is a drumming group beginning on Wednesday, April 11. Jenny Solar, a music therapist, will lead the group. The goal is to develop friendships with LBS members. This is the first of the 150th Anniversary Benevolence Projects. It is the most relationship oriented. It invites us to try something new, and make a new friend. You are encouraged to reach out, crack the shy Lutheran shell, and at the same time have fun with music.

Food Share Donations

It's time for the annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign through the Northfield Community Action Center (CAC). During the month of March, food shelves across Minnesota seek donations to run their food programs for the remainder of the year. Local donations are dispersed by the CAC into Northfield food programs. Monetary donations are preferred. Last year, over 580,000 pounds of food and 2,500 people were served locally. 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 may also give online through the St. John's website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our goal is to again raise at least \$10,000. Thank you for being God's hands, giving generously.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 29

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

Good Friday, March 30

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

Holy Saturday, March 31

The Great Vigil of Easter
7:00 p.m.

Beginning in the St. John's Courtyard
Service with candlelight and Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Community Choir Rehearsal – *Everyone is welcome!*
Bring a bell to ring in the service!

Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion at all Services
Easter Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, April 4:
Lasagna

All are welcome!

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Mar. 26	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 27	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
Wed., Mar. 28	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 29	12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Friday, Mar. 30	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Saturday, Mar. 31	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt, Commons Easter Vigil, St. John's
Sunday, Apr. 1	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship / Nursery Easter Breakfast (served until 11:00 a.m.), St. John's Hall Easter Worship / Nursery Easter Worship / Nursery
Monday, Apr. 2		<i>Church Office and Building Closed</i>

Reminder of Deadlines:

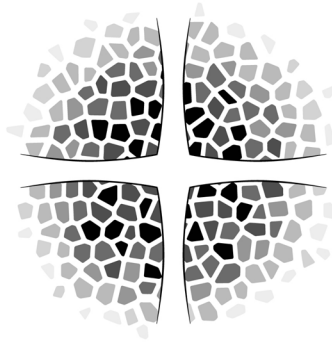
Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

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

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