



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

***We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!***

*During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.*

*We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.*

*Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.*



*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** — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Emma Lou Diemer

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Greeting

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest!

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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## \*Blessing of the Palms

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

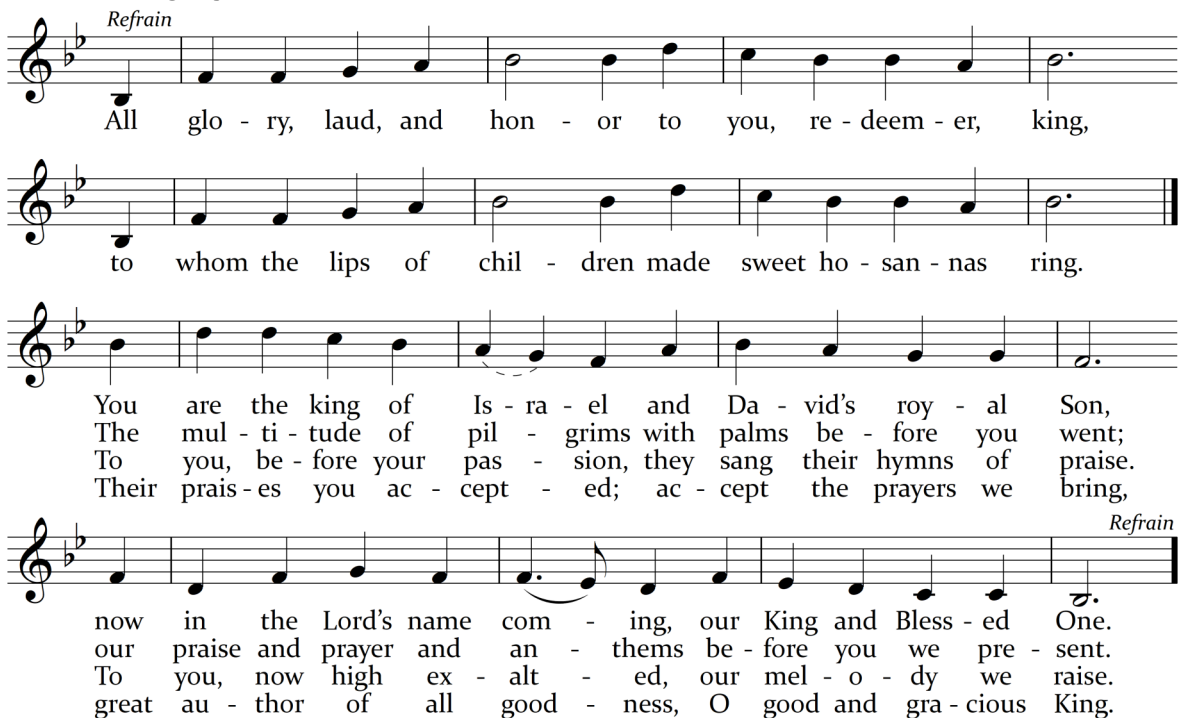
**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**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** O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, 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 — Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The 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.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I 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.  
<sup>7</sup>The 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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

ELLACOMBE

This is the day the Lord has made, the hours are all God's own;  
Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag - es of grace,  
let heaven 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 a - noint - ed 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 - scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.  
The high - est heavens in which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: German melody, 18th cent.

## Second Reading — Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

KAS DZIEDĀJA

We are turn - ing, Lord to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and  
kind— slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “My Song Is Love Unknown” (#343)

LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
Here might I stay and sing— no sto - ry so di -  
me, love to the love - less shown that they might  
stow; the world that was his own would not its  
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas  
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was  
love - ly be. Oh, who am I that for my  
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in -  
to our king. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” is all our  
grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet  
sake deed, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
breath, who at my need his life did spend!  
praise I for his death we thirst and cry.  
I all my days could glad - ly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, alt.; Music: John Ireland, © 1924 admin. The John Ireland Trust

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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.*

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering:*

**"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

**David Cherwien**



### **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

- P** Gracious God, we have heard your Word of Life today.  
While our sin is great, your determination to save has proven greater.  
Thank you for Jesus who leads us out of the wilderness and into the community  
declaring, “The kingdom of God has come near.” Embolden us with the gift of  
your Holy Spirit that we may share your love and salvation with all creation,  
through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.
- 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.**

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD**

### **\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- C** Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (#345) JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN

Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion;  
 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,  
 let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
 Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,  
 of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, tr. August Crull, alt.; Music: Melchior Vulpus

**The Changing of the Paraments**

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

**Postlude** — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Joe Cox



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Joran and Emmett Peterson, Sam and Violet Froehle, Genevieve Knutson
Organist	Nathan Proctor

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

#### **Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday**

Radio and Livestream service at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, April 2 - Good Friday**

Radio and Livestream service at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday**

Stop by the columbarium for a time of prayer and candle lighting  
between 6:30-8:30 p.m. as we prepare for Easter.

A brief devotion will be held every 30 minutes.

#### **Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday**

Radio and Livestream service at 9:00 a.m. with communion via Zoom to immediately follow.

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of the Thorsheim Family by Mary Jo Thorsheim. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## **Youth Evening of Outdoor Socializing (Grades 6-12)**

**Wednesday, March 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Dress for the weather as we will gather in the parking lot of St. John's Church. We will catch up with each other, enjoy pizza, and work on a community outreach project to brighten the days of other youth in our community.

## **Youth Summer Trip 2021 Registration is Now Open**

For more information, contact Emmanuel Kaghondi at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Ushers Needed**

As we plan for in-person worship to resume (after Easter), St. John's is looking for new volunteers on our usher teams. If you are interested in serving, now or later this year, please fill out a survey so we can learn more about your willingness. You can find the survey at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnoarLzkEnww1oRzq6pONdoqNBBtMsmdXd88FbFzLboXpzzQ/viewform>.

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Monday, May 10, 1:00-6:00 p.m.**

We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter St. John's Northfield to schedule an appointment.

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

St. John's has accepted the Southeastern Synod's invitation to participate in 40 Together: 1 Body, 1 Dollar, 40 Days. This Lenten financial commitment will directly support education, healthcare, and hunger relief in the lives of the synod's global partners, namely Colombia, Tanzania, and along the southern border. COVID-19 has created a variety of complications and uncertainties for these siblings in Christ and this offering allows us to do what we can to share our support. Videos are available for download from the following link: <http://semnsynod.org/events/40together/>

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Fellowship of the Least Coin**

Were you someone who took home a coin collection jar for the Fellowship of the Least Coin? If so, that jar might be heavy by now, as we were unable to collect them last May. Please bring your jars to church on any Tuesday morning from now through the end of April between **9:00 a.m.-noon** when the quilters are meeting in Fellowship Hall. **Enter via door #10 at the corner of Poplar and 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Jane Rinehart or another quilter will happily take your jar. If you are unable to do that, please contact Dodie Mickelsen to make other arrangements (507-645-8101 or [gordiedodie@gmail.com](mailto:gordiedodie@gmail.com)). The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a world-wide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice, and reconciliation. Through this movement Christian women around the world seek fellowship with each other and are reminded to live a reconciled and forgiving life with others. The coins collected in Northfield by various churches are part of this international collective that offers grants to promote economic and social justice in 50 countries. Thank you!

## **Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign**

Join in supporting Minnesota's hunger-relief network while also advocating for and supporting long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in Minnesota. This year's campaign goes from March 1 to April 11. Please consider a donation to our local food shelf via check or online giving. If donating by check, please note Minnesota FoodShare/CAC on the memo line. Thank you!

**Bread for the World** is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Each March members of St. John's send letters urging our Congress people and Senators to support legislation aimed at ending hunger. Here's how you can take action this year:

- Write and mail a letter to our Senator or Representatives. For a sample letter to help guide you and the addresses to mail the letters to, you can find the information attached to the weekly E-Voice, or you can pick up a copy of a sample letter at church from the Bread for the World bin placed by the Commons doors. Envelopes, the addresses, and paper are also available in the bin for you to take with you. Visit [bread.org](http://bread.org) to learn more about the issues Bread for the World advocates for. For any questions, contact Dawn Tommerdahl at [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com).

## **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project 2021**

With a significant gift of \$40,000 provided by St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, Rice County Habitat for Humanity is embarking on its first Faith Build. A Faith Build happens when funds and volunteers are provided by the faith community to build a home with a family in need. Building a Habitat home provides the church an outlet for missions, fellowship, and putting faith into action. To prepare for this build, Habitat is forming crews. To sign up to be part of a crew, complete the form found on the website: <https://habitatricecounty.org/>.

## **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*

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Susan Rudser

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marlene Engstrom, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Delores Nelson,  
Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,  
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, 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

### **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 (April 4):**

*Resurrection of Our Lord*

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

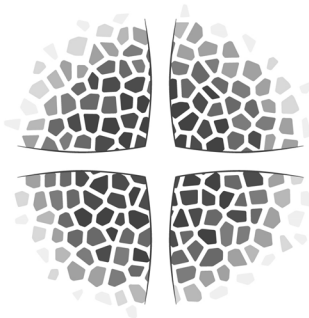
# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts  
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. ([www.kymnradio.net](http://www.kymnradio.net)).**

<b>Monday, Mar. 29</b>	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 30</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 31</b>	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break Youth Evening of Outdoor Socializing, St. John's Parking Lot
<b>Thursday, Apr. 1</b>	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship via Radio and Livestream
<b>Friday, Apr. 2</b>	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Worship via Radio and Livestream
<b>Saturday, Apr. 3</b>	9:30 a.m. 6:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt Drive-Thru, St. John's Parking Lot Holy Saturday - Time of Prayer and Candle Light at the Columbarium
<b>Sunday, Apr. 4</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream Coffee Hour via Zoom





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