



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023 † 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 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 Matthew'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 11 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

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

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

***Processional Gospel** — Matthew 21:1-11

Spark Story Bible, page 454

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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 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.

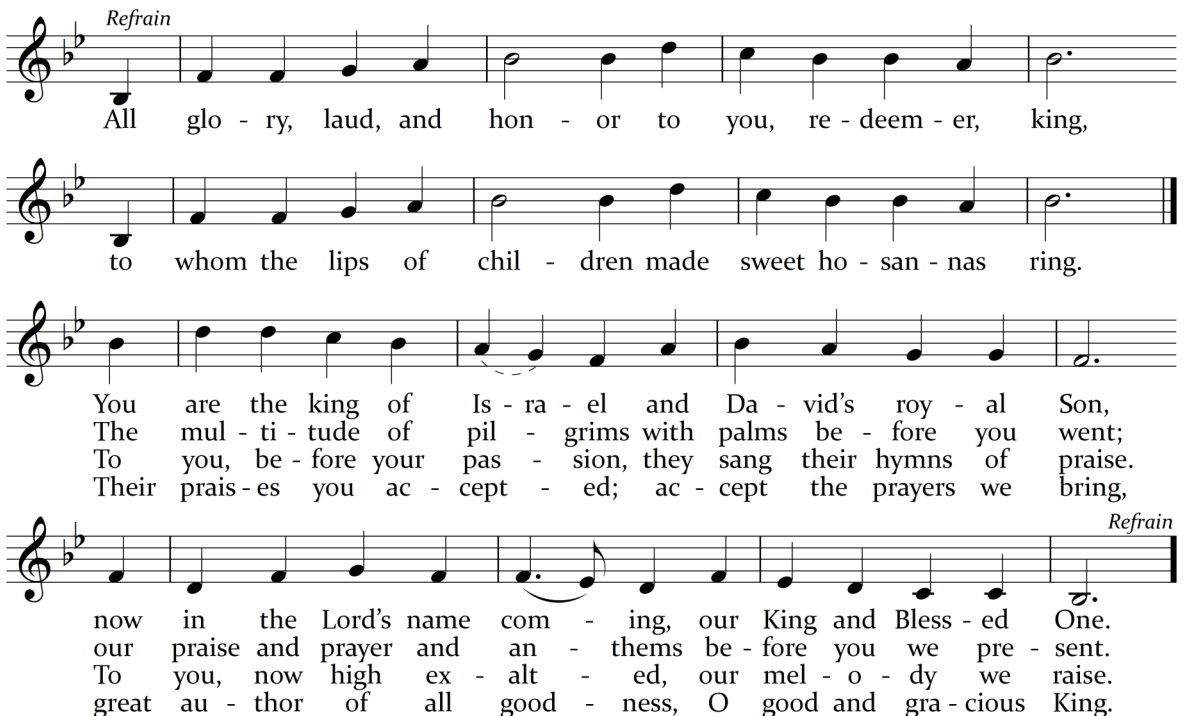
P Let us go forth in peace,

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** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

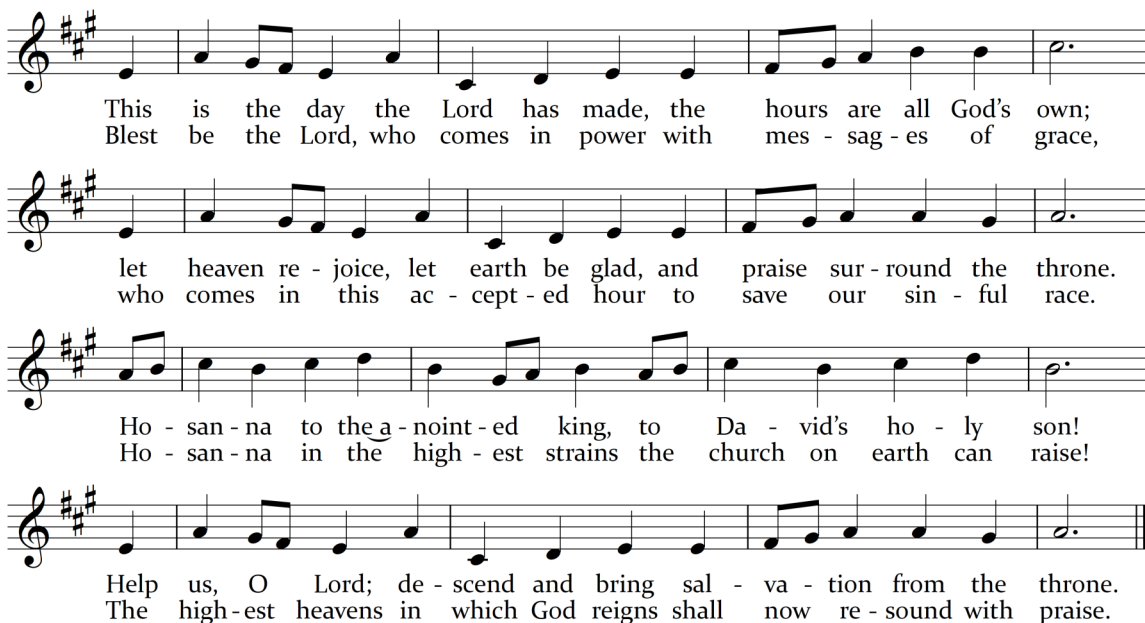
First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, page 594

- 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.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 432

“The Head That Once Was Crowned”

*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"

arr. Sylvia Oines

Ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered garments strewed. Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your triumphs now begin over captive death and conquered sin. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no one works like him, the river Jordan he did cross, no one works like him. For he is King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ the first and last, no one works like him. Ride on, King Jesus, no one can-a hinder me. Yes, my Lord.

– Henry Milman, African American spirituals

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Michael Costello

*Offering Hymn — "Create in Me a Clean Heart" For music, see ELW 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.**

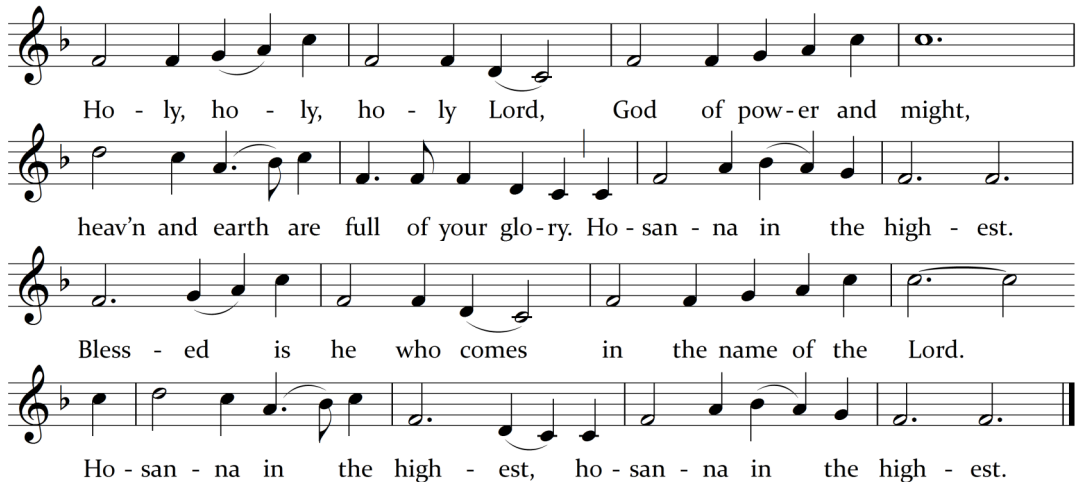
*Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray.
- Ⓒ **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Ⓒ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- Ⓐ 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"



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.

Hymn — ELW No. 343

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- ☒ Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
- ☒ Amen.

The Changing of the Paraments

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

(8:30) **Anthem** — “We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace” Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

*We shall walk through the valley in peace. For Jesus himself will be our leader.
We will meet our loved ones there. For Jesus himself will be our leader.
There will be no more trials there. For Jesus himself will be our leader.
We shall walk in peace.*

(10:45) **Solo** — “Were You There” Spiritual, arr. Craig Phillips

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

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Ruth Smestad Anglin (10:45) Andrea Hoff
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Soloist	(8:30) Birch Carlson
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) Mary Davis
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Coffee Service and Treats	TBD
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh, Christy Hall-Holt, Olaf Hall-Holt

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Holy Communion
12 noon and 6:15 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7

Liturgy of Good Friday
12 noon and 6:15 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8

The Great Vigil of Easter
8:00 p.m.
Boe Chapel, St. Olaf College

Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 9

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

Announcements

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

Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Sharon Bishop. 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: Maundy Thursday (April 6), Good Friday (April 7), and July 16 & 30.

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 10 minutes prior to the start of the service.

St. John's Forum: Poetry of Easter

Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

St. John's members Nancy Simpson–Younger and Paul Gleason come together once again with their shared background in early modern religious poetry to share with us some Poetry of Easter. Nancy and Paul will use the poetry of George Herbert and Edmund Spenser to anchor us in the Easter season. Join us for this opportunity to get to know Paul and Nancy better, as well as their shared love of modern religious poetry.

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 9:30 a.m.

Children, up to grade 5, are invited to St. John's for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Remember to bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs. Friends are welcome, too! Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy and small items to fill over 1,000 eggs. A donation basket is in the Commons. If you can volunteer to help hide eggs on the day of the hunt, please contact Julie at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Easter Breakfast is Back! Egg Bake Donations Needed

Sunday, April 9, 9:00–11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

The youth of the congregation will host a breakfast of egg-bakes, muffins, and fruit on Easter 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 Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to decorate the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one or in celebration of Easter, forms are available in the Commons and online. The cost is \$23.

Announcements (continued)

Spring Break from Sunday School and Youth Gathering: No Programs March 26, April 2 and 9

Looking for Greeters for Easter Sunday Worship Services

Sunday, April 9, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

If you are attending worship here on Easter, consider being a greeter. Greeting is an important way we warmly welcome all who come through our doors at St. John's for worship. Having greeters on Easter Sunday is especially important as we have many visitors. Family members are welcome to greet with you. Contact Angie at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or signup in the Commons if you can help.

Mission Morning

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m.–Noon

St. John's Women take donations and build Baby Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Hospice Kits throughout the year. This year we will be preparing them all in one morning! Please consider donating supplies during March and April, and joining us in person, Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m.–noon, compiling kits, as well as helping quilters and knitters. Lists are available in the Commons.

The St. John's Audio-Visual Team is Seeking New Volunteer Members

The A-V team provides support for livestreaming and recording services and events at St. John's. Volunteers will receive training and support to help advance the overall outreach mission of St. John's. Technical knowledge is not a requirement.

Financial Update

- Offering received through February equals 12% of budgeted income. This is fairly typical for this time of year, but on the low side. Continued generosity will be important throughout the year.
- Snow removal expenses are already over budget for the year (\$7,000 budget, \$11,690 expense); Property & Grounds Board is discussing potential solutions.
- Expenses through February are 17% of budget; expenses are typically spread fairly evenly throughout the year and are on target so far.

Church Directory Update

The directories are in process and we hope to have them available by the end of April.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 9):

Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31:1-6 † Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 † Acts 10:34-43 † Matthew 28:1-10

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

Jennifer Bothun, Barbara Dettle, Dick Kleber, Joanne Rodland,
Don Sahling, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette),
Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,
Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson,
John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom,
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

David and Pat Halsor, Elouise Quinnell

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 macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Wednesday Night



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

April 5: No Meal - Holy Week
April 12: Meals Resume

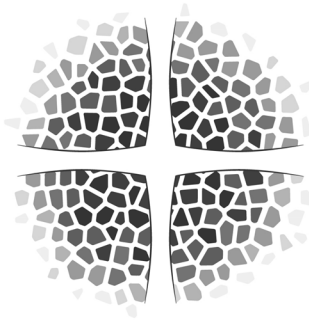
All are welcome!

*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, Apr. 3	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Northfield Grief Coalition Support Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Apr. 4	7:30 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
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Northfield Rotary, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Apr. 5	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
		NAIA (Northfield Area Interfaith Assoc.), St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Apr. 6	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Friday, Apr. 7	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 8	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt, Commons
Sunday, Apr. 9	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast, St. John's Hall
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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