

Service of Holy Communion

Palm Sunday April 10, 2022 † 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. Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), G 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.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Prelude — "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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

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

*Processional Gospel — Luke 19:28-40

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

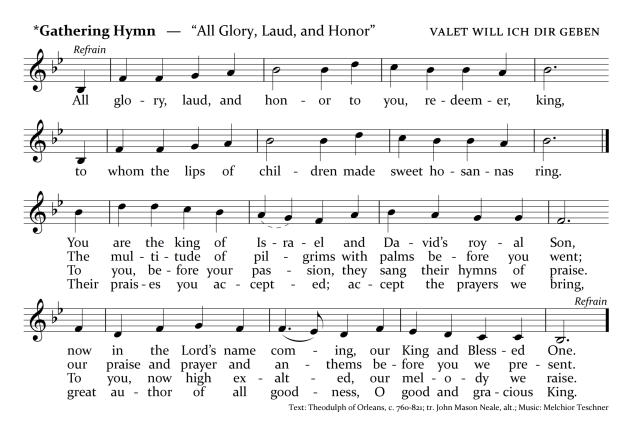
²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

*Blessing of the Palms

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

- 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. G Amen.
- **P** Let us go forth in peace,
- **G** in the name of Christ. Amen.



*Prayer of the Day

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. G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

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.
- **G** Thanks be to God.



Second Reading — Philippians 2:5-11

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

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 926

"Surely God Is My Salvation"

*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:

- L Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G 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"

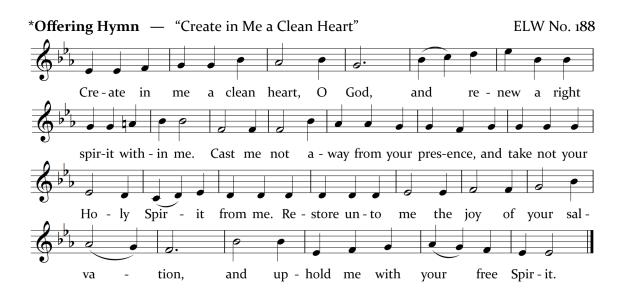
arr. Sylvia Oines

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 cana hinder me. Yes, my Lord. —Graham George, African American spirituals

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "What Wondrous Love Is This"

David N. Johnson



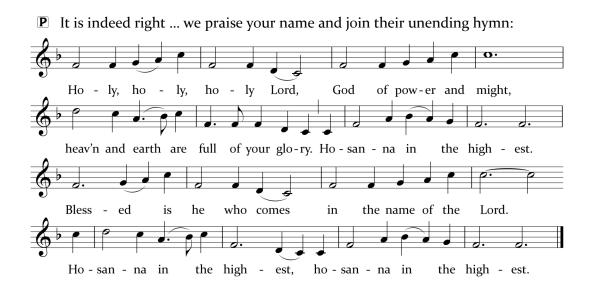
*Offering Prayer

- **L** Let us pray.
- Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

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



*Words of Institution

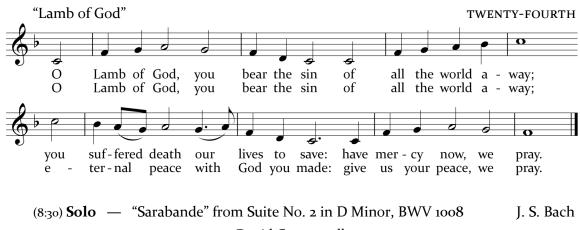
*The Lord's Prayer

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



David Carter, cello

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- L Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
- **G** Amen.

The Changing of the Paraments

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

(8:30) Solo —	"Ah, Holy Jesus"	Raymond Haan
(10:45) Solo —	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	Joe Cox

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

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Sara and Todd Smith Lippert
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Soloist	(8:30) Maren Hrivnak, Church Music Intern
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) David Sims
Cello	(8:30) David Carter
Coffee Service and Treats	Cindy Clauson, Ted Peterson, Ann Albert
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Dan Franklin, Jim Loe
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom,
	Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb
	(10:45) Jonathan, Emmett, and Wyatt Norrie; Kerri, Emmett, and Joran Peterson

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14 Holy Communion

12 noon and 6:15 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15

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

Holy Saturday, April 16

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

Celebration of the Resurrection Easter Sunday, April 17

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at both Services 8:30 a.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Don McRae from Marilyn McRae Raadt and family. 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 <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. Available Dates: June 12, 19 & 26.

Sunday Service Livestream and Video

St. John's offers a livestream of the Sunday 8:30 a.m. service, available on the main page of the St. John's website and on the St. John's Facebook page. We aim to have a copy of the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service posted in the "Service Videos" section of the website by 10:45 a.m. The video recording is also available on-demand 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. An audio recording of the Sunday sermon is available on the St. John's website on Monday.

Coffee Hour Today Between Services in St. John's Hall

To sign up to donate treats (homemade or store-bought), or to help with serving or clean-up, sign up in CCB in the "Monthly Hospitality - April" Group under the Needs tab, or email Angie Gehring at <u>sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K through Grade 5 Saturday, April 16, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

The egg hunt will be outside at St. John's with weather permitting, or in St. John's Hall, the Commons, and lower level if weather is inclement. Bring your Easter baskets to collect the eggs! Children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Donations of individually packaged Easter candy are appreciated. Please place donations in the designated buckets in the Commons. Thank you! Volunteers (middle school and high school youth and adults) are also needed to help hide plastic eggs! Contact Julie Brehmer at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you can help!

ELCA Alleluia 5k Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

The ELCA congregations of Northfield (St. Peter's, St. John's, and Bethel) are partnering on the 2^{nd} Sunday of Easter to offer a unique worship service - a Fun Run/Walk! There will be a full 5k route as well as a half-distance option. More information in the April/May Voice.

Volunteers at St. John's are needed for the Fun Run to be attendants at a "water stop" at St. John's (help pre-fill cups of water), and to be guides around the intersections to point the correct way on the course, and cheer the runners/walkers on! If you can help with this, contact Angie Gerhing at <u>sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>.

Announcements (continued)

Minnesota FoodShare 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 runs through today. Please consider a donation to our local shelf via check or online giving. If giving by check, please note Minnesota FoodShare/CAC on the memo line. Thank you.

Message from The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

This month the board designated \$1,000 from St. John's funds to the Eastern European Crisis Fund of Lutheran Disaster Relief to provide aid for those affected by the war in Ukraine. Members may send their own gifts to LDR at <u>https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/</u>

Life in the Time of COVID. Tell us your story ...

The New York Times calls COVID-19 "the greatest health catastrophe in a century." In our community the first infections began in mid-March 2020, and the pandemic remains an ongoing public health crisis. In one way or another we still feel its impact on our lives. The Faith & Health Board invites St. John's members of all ages to reflect on living in the time of COVID. What have you experienced and felt? What have you lost or gained? How are you coping? How has the pandemic affected work, family, and church? Do you see a hopeful future?

- We are looking for stories from 100 to 2500 words in length. Artwork and poetry are also welcome. Submissions will close May 31, 2022.
- Please email your story to: <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. If you cannot send us your story by email, paper submissions are welcome at the St. John's office.
- Please see the link on the St. John's homepage for how families can submit for their children.

NRC Annual Meeting

Sunday. April 24, 1:00–3:00 p.m., NRC Chapel

The Northfield Retirement Community looks forward to sharing the concerns and accomplishments of 2021 as well as the expectations of 2022 with congregational delegates. If you would like to be a congregational delegate, please contact the church office at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take-and-eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at <u>children@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>.

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 Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Dick Kleber, Paul Peterson, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), Alicia Tanner (granddaughter of Merilyn Calcutt)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, 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 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.

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This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Apr. 11	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Apr. 12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Apr. 13	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Apr. 14	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group Winter Read via Zoom Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
Friday, Apr. 15	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary
Saturday, Apr. 16	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, St. John's Chancel Guild, Fireside Room / Sanctuary Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom Easter Vigil at St. Olaf College
Sunday, Apr. 17	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship, Sanctuary Easter Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 17):

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25 + Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 + Acts 10:34-43 + Luke 24:1-12



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