

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025 † 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 Luke'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** — "Processional"

Grayston Ives

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.
- Hosanna in the highest!

\***Processional Gospel** — Luke 19:28-40

Spark Story Bible, page 454

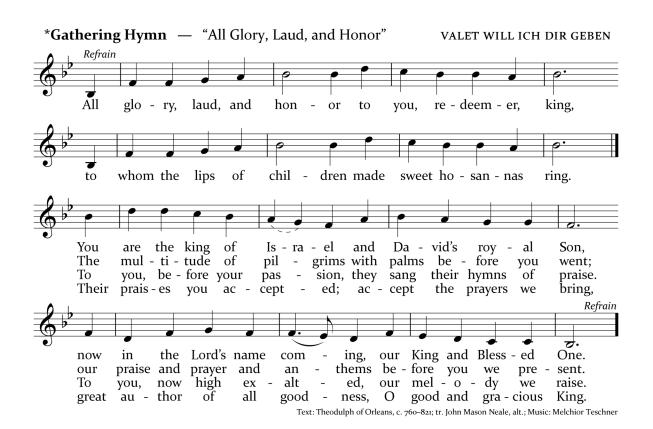
- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As 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, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

#### \*Blessing of the Palms

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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,
- **9** in the name of Christ, Amen.



### \*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.
- Amen.

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Hosanna! Here Comes the Lord!"

Michael Morris

Hosanna! Here comes the Lord! The King of kings and the Lord of lords, my friends he's bringing our sweet reward. The Son of David, Immanuel, my friends, let's say it: "All will be well." The Prince of peace and the Chosen One, prepare the feast, friends, the time has come.

Jubilate Choir

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Psalmody — Psalm 31:1-5

Antiphon: Spiritual

Antiphon: If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.



<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be <sup>|</sup> put to shame; deliver me <sup>|</sup> in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your | ear to me;

make haste to de- liver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me, for you are my tow- | er of strength.

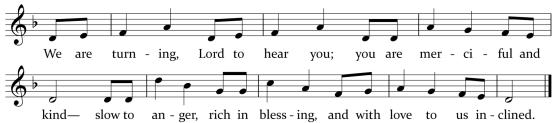
<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I com- mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth. *Antiphon* 

### 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.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Calculate Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation



\*Gospel — Luke 23:1-49

Spark Story Bible, page 474

Before the reading:

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn of the Day** — ELW No. 335

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

#### \*Apostles' Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

#### \*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

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

#### \*Peace

- **P** 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

(8:30) "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.

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

- **L** Let us pray.
- Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### \*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**



Hymn — ELW No. 345

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

### \*Post-Communion Blessing

\*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

#### \*Prayer after Communion

- © Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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, April 17 Holy Communion 12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 Liturgy of Good Friday 12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection Easter Sunday, April 20

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 and livestream on the St. John's website

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

Preaching Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Presiding Pastor Jonathan Davis

Assisting Ministers (8:30) Kathy Shea

(10:45) Eric Sponheim

Organist Nathan Proctor

Choirs (8:30) St. John's Chorale

(10:45) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director

Communion Prep Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup Brenda Nelso

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(10:45) TBD

Coffee Service TBD

Refreshments Carrie Dauner

Counters David Becker, Brenda Bultman, Merilyn Calcutt Ushers (8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom,

Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb

(10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie,

Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny

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### **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

This Week (April 13)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level) Sunday Youth Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Next Week (April 20)
Easter Breakfast, St. John's Hall

### **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Don McRae by 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 645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next Available: April 17 (Maundy Thursday), April 18 (Good Friday) and May 4, 11 & 18.

#### 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.

#### Easter Lilies 2025

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, please complete the paper form available in the Commons, or contact the church office at office@StlohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. The cost is \$10.

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

### Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 19 starting at 9:30 a.m. Families with kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are welcome to hunt. Invite friends and neighbors too! **Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. A donation basket is in the Commons. We fill over 1,700 eggs! Thanks so much.** 

#### Easter Breakfast

### Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in St. John's Hall

Please join us for the Youth Fundraiser Easter Breakfast. Youth will be serving a breakfast of veggie, meat, and gluten-free egg bakes, muffins, fruit, orange juice, milk, and coffee. The proceeds from this breakfast will help decrease the cost of this year's summer trips. The suggested donation is \$5/individual and \$25/family. This breakfast is one way we celebrate Easter together as a congregation and welcome those who visit St. John's that morning.

#### **Mission Morning**

#### Saturday, April 26, 9:00-11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Enjoy a morning with St. John's women, beginning with coffee and muffins. Rev. Lisa Kipp, LWR Director of Community Engagement, will update us on how the quilts and kits are used around the world. Then we get to work packing kits, rolling bandages, and assembling quilts for LWR and Global Health Ministries. This event is supported by Thrivent Action Grants and your donations. More white sheets are needed for bandages. Please drop off in the basket by the Women's bulletin board in the Commons.

### **Announcements (continued)**

### Annual Spring Church Yard Cleanup Saturday, April 26, 8:00 a.m.–Noon

The Property & Grounds Board requests your assistance. All are welcome to attend, as many hands make less work! Please bring your own brooms, gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows for spreading mulch, shovels, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are needed. Questions? Contact Dan Hanson at 612-413-2938. Thank you!

## Documentary & Discussion: "My Time Comes" Tuesday, April 29, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Sanctuary

The Faith & Health Board invites you to participate in viewing and discussing the thought-provoking documentary *My Time Comes* about medical aid in dying. Raymond De Vries will facilitate a discussion following the 55-minute film. Ray is Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan's Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine. He was Professor of Sociology at St. Olaf College from 1988 to 2006.

### Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans Beginning at 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 28, St. John's Hall

At 9:30 a.m. Barbara Evans will speak on Historic Homes in Northfield. After a refreshment break, Eric Johnsrud, who is a collector of baseball memorabilia, will speak about baseball cards and their connection to baseball and American history followed by a baseball picnic lunch. Make your reservation by calling 507-301-9094 or emailing <a href="mailto:outnabouto22@gmail.com">outnabouto22@gmail.com</a> and specify if you are just going to be attending for the two speakers and break refreshments which is \$15 or if you are staying for the entire morning (speakers, refreshments, and picnic lunch) \$20. Please register no later than April 24.

### **Children and Youth**

### Road Trip: On the Go with God!

VBS is hosted by St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches and Emmaus Church.

When: Monday, June 9-Thursday, June 12, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Ages: Entering K-Grade 3, Fall 2025 Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/child; \$30/family, payable the first day of VBS

Scan the QR code to register.

### Summer 2025 Summer Trip—Spots Still Available.

This summer's trip will be backpacking (for high school) and camping & hiking (for middle school) at Christikon in Montana. Youth and chaperones from St. John's, St. Peter's, and First UCC will adventure in the mountains July 19–27. Contact Kristin Partlo to sign-up at 507-645-4429 or youth@StJohnsNorthfield.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

Fred Huemoeller, Carol Schoen, Jenn Cohorst, Maralee Sisson (mother of Tamara Jackman), Kent Rommereim, Lainey Smith (great-granddaughter of Dodie and Gordie Mickelson)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Billi Failletaz

Family of Elouise Smith (great-granddaughter of Dodie and Gordie Mickelson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, David Halsor

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia; lambi 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.



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

April 16: No Meal - Holy Week April 23: 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 <a href="https://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org">www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</a>.

Monday, Apr. 14	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Apr. 15	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room "Revelation Unveiled" Bible Study via Zoom Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library and Fireside Room NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Apr. 16	3:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Apr. 17	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary Executive Committee via Zoom Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Friday, Apr. 18	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 19	9:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt, St. John's
Sunday, Apr. 20	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship ~ Easter Sunday, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.) Worship ~ Easter Sunday, Sanctuary

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 20):**

### Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25 † Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 † 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 † Luke 24:1-12





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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.