

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 2019 † 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.

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 11 for a full worship schedule.)

## 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

☐ 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 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

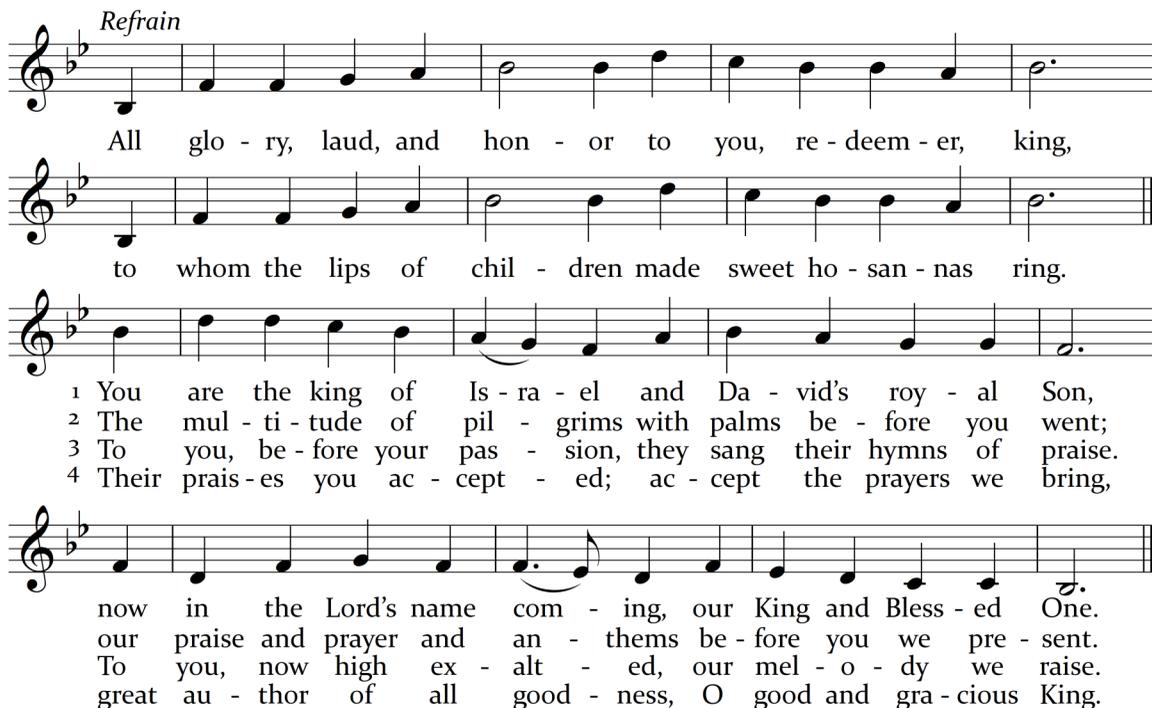
*After the reading:* ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **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.

1 You are the king of Is - ra - el and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
4 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

**\*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.

☑ Amen.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Children's Message

*After the reading:*

- The word of the Lord.
- 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 - scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.  
 The high - est heav'ns in which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

Text: Isaac Watts

*After the reading:*

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*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*

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE, arr. Kevin McChesney

*Rejoice Ringers*

\*Offering Hymn — “Create in Me”

FRANCKE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your  
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal -  
va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## \*Offering Prayer

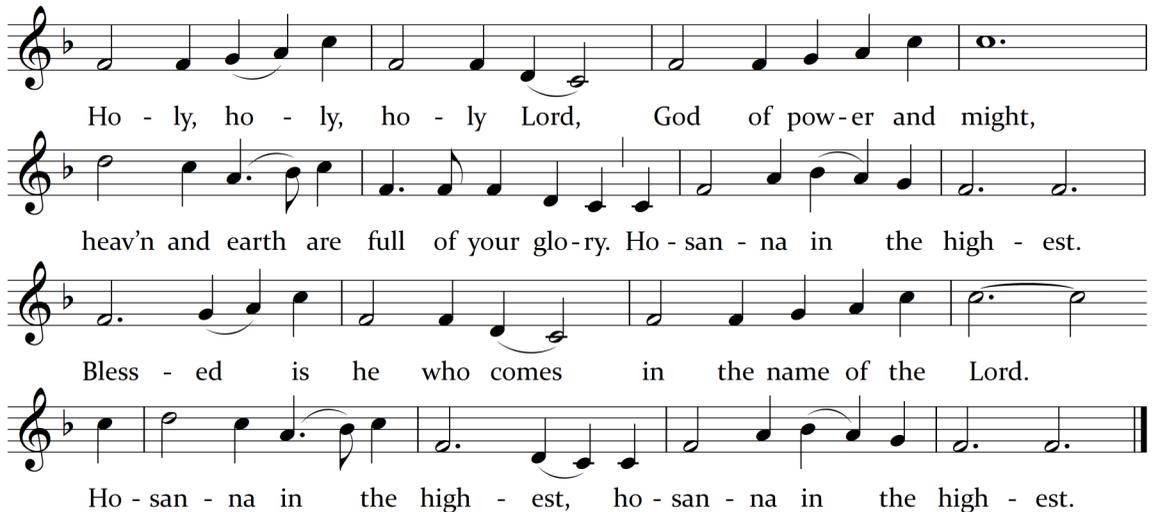
- L** Let us pray together.
- M** **Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,  
and you provide for our every need.  
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,  
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,  
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.  
Amen.**

# 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.*

## 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.

**Anthem** — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Linda Lamb

**Hymn** — No. 347

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

**Hymn** — No. 338

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

### \*Post-Communion Blessing

### The Changing of the Paraments

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

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Jesus’ Entry into Jerusalem”

Kenneth Jennings

*When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethpage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, “Go into the village opposite from you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say the Lord has need of it!” And they went their way and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing untying the colt?” And the disciples told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it, and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before, and those who followed cried out, “Hosanna, Hosanna! Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And Jesus entered Jerusalem, and went into the temple.*

-Mark 11:1-11

*This anthem was commissioned for the choir on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1994.*

*St. John’s Chorale*

(10:45) **Solo** — Suite No. 2

J. S. Bach

IV. Sarabande

*Jacob Rothermel, 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	McLaughlin Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director (8:30) St. John's Chorale, Nathan Proctor, director
Cello	(10:45) Jacob Rothermel
Acolytes	(8:30) Clara Menssen, Lucy Menssen (10:45) Cora McBroom, Dyson McBroom
Communion Preparer	Suzanne Pfau
Communion Cleanup	Suzanne Pfau
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Bob and Pat Tabery (10:45) Kibby Errington, Pat Tabery
Coffee and Refreshments	Carol Benson, Terry and Norma Gilbertson, Jon Kerr, Mike Roth, Bob and Pat Tabery
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Dan Franklin, Brent Mueller, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, Fred Huemoeller, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **Today:**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons  
St. John's Forum: *Congregations as Communities of Christian Care* (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)  
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)  
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 14)

# **Holy Week and Easter Worship**

## ***Maundy Thursday, April 18***

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

## ***Good Friday, April 19***

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

## ***Holy Saturday, April 20***

The Great Vigil of Easter  
8:00 p.m.

Boe Chapel, St. Olaf College

6:30-7:30 p.m. Community Choir Rehearsal – *Everyone is welcome!*

## ***Celebration of the Resurrection***

### ***Easter Sunday, April 21***

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at all Services

Easter Breakfast served from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. service broadcast on KYMN 1080 AM / 95.1 FM

# **St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.**

Kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.  
Make sure to bring a basket or bag to collect all the eggs!

**Can you help?**

**We need individually wrapped candy and small items to fill the eggs  
and help hiding eggs the morning of the hunt.**

**Please put donations in the basket in the Commons.**

**Email Julie Brehmer if you can help Saturday morning.**

**Thank you!**

# Announcements

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Sharon Bishop. 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: April 28 and May 26. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## **St. John's Forum**

**Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

**Topic: *Congregations as Communities of Christian Care – St. John's as a Model, with Rev. Dr. Rolf Jacobson***

A number of years ago, Rolf Jacobson, son of Pastor Del and Katherine Jacobson, was diagnosed with cancer as a high school student. His congregation, St. John's, surrounded him and his family with much-needed care and support, as he experienced two leg amputations, over 20 surgeries, and chemotherapy. Since then, Rolf has gone on to be a Lutheran pastor and an Old Testament Scholar at Luther Seminary. At this forum, Rolf will reflect on his time here at St. John's and how this congregation showed him what it looks like to be a caring Christian community.

## **High School Club Meets at Peggy Hanson's**

**Today, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Peggy Hanson's Home (205 Elm St.)**

Let's get together again after the long winter break! **Come on over!** Enjoy cookies, tea, and a fun relaxing afternoon with your peers! Friends are always welcome, too! Peggy will also have quilting materials for those of you who have started making quilts for the homeless.

Questions? Contact Peggy at 952-210-2358 or [peggyjhanson@gmail.com](mailto:peggyjhanson@gmail.com)

**Lean more about Islam** and participate in interfaith conversation at an Iftar dinner sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches in partnership with local mosques. Pastor Pam will be coordinating a group on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Rosemount. Pastor Jonathan will take a group on Thursday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Bloomington. Pre-registration is required. Contact the pastors or sign up on their office door to learn how to register.

## **The Southeastern MN Synod will be electing a new bishop at its next assembly May 31-June 1.**

In preparation, there are opportunities to hear from the seven candidates lifted up at conference assemblies:

- Monday, May 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. John's in Waseca
- Tuesday, May 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at United Redeemer in Zumbrota
- Thursday, May 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Zion in Stewartville

Any ELCA member may attend these sessions, and we encourage you to do so!

# Holy Week and Easter Hospitality Needs

## Donate Egg Bakes!

Each year, the 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, April 20. Sign-ups and pans are located in the Commons outside St. John's Hall.

## Please Sign Up to Be Part of Holy Week Hospitality

Are you planning on attending any of the special services during Holy Week leading up to 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 or Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Thank you!



The next event celebrating St. John's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is on **Sunday, April 28.**

At the church services, and during the Forum the contributions to St. John's by liturgical composers, artists, and architects will be highlighted. Through the past 150 years,

these composers, artists, and architects have made significant contributions to St. John's, and in many cases the contributions extend far beyond our church walls.

The church service will feature music honoring some of the composers. Displays by the artists and architects will be in St. John's Hall, the Commons, the Fireside Room, and the Library. Between services, Nathan Proctor will speak about the liturgical composers and Judy Swanson will speak about liturgical art and architecture at St. John's. Come, experience our rich and beautiful history!



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

Wednesday, April 17  
*No Meal - Holy Week*

**Wednesday Night Meals Resume  
on April 24**

## **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*

Bob Noreen

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Robert Vargas

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Karen Swenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, Joan Carlson

*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; 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 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 21):**

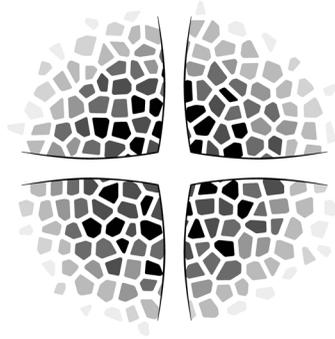
*Easter Sunday*

Isaiah 65:17-25 † 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 † Luke 24:1-12

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

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.  
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Mon., April 15</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Robert Vargas, Commons Funeral - Robert Vargas, Sanctuary Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, TBD
<b>Tue., April 16</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., April 17</b>	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, April 18</b>	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary
<b>Friday, April 19</b>	8:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, Apr. 20</b>	9:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt, Commons Easter Vigil, Boe Chapel at St. Olaf College
<b>Sunday, Apr. 21</b>	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
<b>Monday, Apr. 22</b>		<i>Church Office and Building Closed</i>



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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Rings*

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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.