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April 10, 2022
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

Go to the village
ahead of you,
and as you enter it,
you will find a
colt tied there,
which no one has
ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate **Palm Sunday**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Our Father, as we behold Your Son and our Savior in His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we pray that the honor we pay to Him may be that of the complete giving of ourselves to Him in glad and willing obedience. Amen.

PRELUDE

"The Holy City"

Piano/Organ Duet

Piano - Jeanette Nestor Rebecca Veith – Organ

CHILDREN'S SERMON***DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS**

- 1 O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation;
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

Refrain: Join all and sing, his name declare
Let ev'ry voice resound with joyous acclamation!
Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!
Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

- 2 His word goes forth, and peoples by its might.
Freedom regain once more from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right
While those in darkness are restored to light. (*Refrain*)
- 3 Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem.
Of all thy sons sing full emancipation;
Thro' boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. (*Refrain*)

***PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

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

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby You have given us life everlasting; through You Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

A After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were

sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.” (Luke 19:28-40 ESV)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P We praise and thank You, O God, for the great acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord 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 the Lord.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“All Glory, Laud & Honor”*

LBW 108

***GREETING**

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 50:4–9

A The First Lesson is from the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

Psalms 31:9–16

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving kindness save me."**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

A The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of Philippians.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A Here ends the reading.

***LENTEN VERSE**



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

Insert

(Please remain seated. The congregation participates where indicated.)

ANTHEM

"Behold the Lamb"

Rambo

***OFFERTORY**



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 to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***HYMN**

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

LBW 124

SERMON

***THE PRAYERS**

For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, save and redeem your Church. Through its ministry of Word, Sacrament, fellowship, and service, draw all people to yourself. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your Hands, O LORD we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your son, Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



***CLOSING HYMN**

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LBW 121

POSTLUDE

“Marche to Calvary”

Maunder

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Tuesday 4/12	7:00 p.m.	Healing service: Communion
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Wednesday 4/13	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir/Children’s Chimes
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir

Thursday 4/14	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	7:00 p.m.	Maunder Thursday: Communion

Friday 4/15		OFFICE CLOSED
	10:00 a.m.	Youth Group – Egg Stuffing
	12:00 p.m.	KMA Worship @ St. Johns
	7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae Service

Saturday 4/16	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Church Decorating
	12:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt – Easter story
	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil

Sunday 4/17	9:45 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Festival Worship: Communion

Healing Service

As part of Holy Week, on **Tuesday, April 12th** at 7:00 p.m. St. John's will have a healing service. Healing services are a special time to come for prayer and be anointed for healing. Come for yourself or to pray for others - this is a special opportunity to focus on God's healing power.

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

The three holiest days of the church year begin with Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m. When we explore the events of the Last Supper - Christ's giving of the great commandment and His institution of the Lord's Supper.

Come enter into Christ's journey through the Triduum.

The Youth Group will meet Friday, April 15th

(Good Friday) at 10:00 a.m. to fill & hide Easter eggs for the hunt on Saturday morning.

If you would like to donate candy for the Easter egg hunt, please bring bags of small, individually wrapped candy to the church office by Friday morning.



Good Friday Community Lenten Worship

Will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 15th here at St. John's Lutheran Church. Pastor Mark Brady from First Baptist church will be preaching.



Tenebrae Service

Will be held on Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. with the Passion narrative according to St. John, using the symbolic power of light and darkness. Please join us for a most moving and meaningful service consisting of music, lessons, prayers, light and the cross.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 16th Noon-1 pm

Kids Pre-K to 5th grade

Come find some eggs &

hear the Easter Story!





**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

April 10: Palm Sunday

*8:30 and 11:00 worship:
Procession with Palms
The Passion According to St. Luke*

April 12: Healing Service

Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

April 14: Maundy Thursday

Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

April 15: Good Friday

*Youth Group Easter Egg Stuffing 10:00 AM
Donations of candy appreciated!*

KMA Community Good Friday Service

St. John's Noon to 1:00 PM

Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM

A service of light and darkness

April 16: Holy Saturday

Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt for the Children Noon to 1:00 PM

*Retelling the Easter Story
Nursery to 5th Grade*

Easter Vigil Worship Service 7:00 PM

April 17: Resurrection of Our Lord

*Easter Celebration
Festival Communion Service with Brass Ensemble*

On Sunday, April 17th we will celebrate the **Festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ** at 11:00 a.m. The morning begins with Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. followed by 11:00 a.m. Festival Worship Service with Brass ensemble and Holy Communion.



Please plan to attend our joyful Easter celebration!



A Letter from Bishop Selbo:

Dear Pastors, Congregations, Partners in Ministry, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past several days, Russia has invaded Ukraine and is working to remove its government from power to replace it with its own. The actions of the Russian leader, Vladimir Putin, are unprovoked, the conflict is bloody, and the hostile takeover is one being protested by many nations throughout Europe and the entire world.

As a church body, the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is in strong opposition to this war and is urging its pastors and congregations to be praying for an end to this senseless conflict. The NALC also has strong ties to the Ukrainian people through one of our partner ministries, the **Spiritual Orphans Network (SON Network)**. Formerly EEMN, the SON Network, led by Executive Director Pastor David Breidenbach, serves people in parts of the world that are often overlooked as a mission field. They excel at reaching spiritual orphans in the unique context of former communist nations. In this case, they are actively involved in supporting missionaries in Ukraine, as well as providing humanitarian support to the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing that country in the war.

As you consider how to support the people of Ukraine, know that the SON Network is an official partner ministry of the North American Lutheran Church and that their work amidst this devastating conflict is being done openly in the name of Jesus Christ.

We encourage you to be praying for the people in Ukraine, for the families torn apart by the war, for the humanitarian efforts that will be needed for some time, as well as for the hearts of the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to find ways to bring this conflict to an end, to move forward in ways that would lead to peace, and that people would be drawn to the One in whom all lasting peace is found, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following prayer is offered for your use, individually, as families and in your congregations:

Gracious God, we come to You as people who know we have fallen short of Your call, who are in daily need of Your forgiveness and grace, and who have no lasting hope apart from the promises we have in Jesus. And yet we come with thankful and expectant hearts, knowing that You have promised to hear and to answer prayer.

We pray for You to be working in the hearts and the lives of the people in Russia and the Ukraine who are caught in this senseless war and whose lives are being torn apart because of the conflict. We pray for the families who have been separated from their loved ones, for those who have been physically hurt as a result of the fighting, and for those lives that have been lost. We pray, Lord, that You would open doors for peace talks and negotiations to happen that would bring an end to the war and that would save the lives of many for whom our Lord Jesus died.

Work through the nations of our world, through their governments, the United Nations, and through those leaders who have authority and opportunity to influence and impact what is happening in Christ-honoring ways. Be with our missionaries and mission agencies — that their work would be a witness to the love You have for all people, and to the desire You have for Your world that we would live in peace.

Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has overcome the world. In His most holy and precious name we pray. Amen.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

—John 16:33 NIV

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Julie Smith(E) Gene Hughes(L)
Lectors	Lori Young(E) Eva Shafer(L)
Acolytes	Robert John, Colvin Adkins(E) Anna Choncek & Landon Crissman(L)
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Camera Operators	Nick Wranich(E) Bill Bouch(L)

STAFF MEMBERS

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The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Edward Berringer by Karen Waugaman.

OUR MISSION

St. John’s Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God’s grace and who respond to God’s love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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