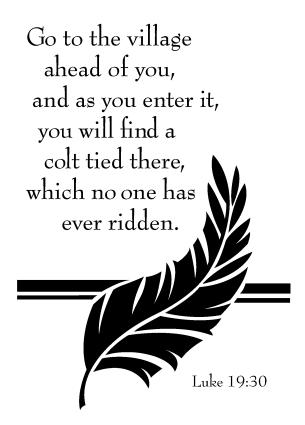
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April 2, 2023 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



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 "He CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Herzlich tut mich veriangen"

Kellner

***DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS**

- 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.
- 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*)
- 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 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. 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:

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

¹⁰For 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.

Psalm 31:9-16

¹²I 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.

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁶Make 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



 THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW
 Insert

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

ANTHEM

"Behold the Lamb"

Rambo



SERMON

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and precious Blood, you have redeemed the whole world and drawn all people to yourself. We praise and adore you for your great sacrifice and love. 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 \clubsuit Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



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



Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

| Today | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
|---------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| - | 10:00 a.m. | Senior Choir |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| Tuesday 4/4 | 5:30 p.m. | Women's Bible study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Healing service: Communion |
| Wednesday 4/5 | 9:30 a.m. | Children's Hour |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Senior Bells |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Senior Choir |
| Thursday 4/6 | 9:30 a.m. | Children's Hour |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday: Communion |
| Friday 4/7 | | 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 4/8 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Easter Egg Hunt – Easter story |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Easter Vigil |
| Sunday 4/9 | 9:45 a.m. | Easter Breakfast |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Festival Worship: Communion |

Today - Evangelism Lenten Outreach

Matthew 25:36 When I was naked you clothed me.

In any and all seasons many folks go without, or only have one item of clothing against the elements. A collection of jackets, sweaters and coats (any season) will be gathered today. (Please donate items in good repair (*remember you are giving them to Jesus.*) We will share these items with the following organizations: *Bethesda Children's & Youth Home, Mechling-Shakely Veterans Center and HAVIN*.

<u>The Palm Sunday message is great as we welcome our King</u>. A cloak was a symbol of authority in Roman times. By spreading their cloaks, the people "laid down their authority" for Jesus's path and acknowledged him as King and Savior. Matthew 21:8 - A massive crowd spread their cloaks and garments in the way: others cut down branches from the trees to prepare His way. Any questions, please contact Rick & Juanita John or Tammy Fleeger. Thank you for your support!

The Youth Group will meet Friday, April 7th (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 <u>small, individually wrapped candy</u> to the church office by Friday morning. Thank you for your support!

> <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> Saturday April 8th Noon-1 pm Kids Pre-K to 5th grade Come find some eggs & hear the Easter Story!

Healing Service

As part of Holy Week, on **Tuesday, April 4th** 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 6th

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.



Good Friday Community Lenten Worship

Will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, **April 7th here at St. John's Lutheran Church**. Pastor Andrew Laddusaw from Living Water church will be preaching.

Tenebrae Service



Will be held on **Friday, April 7**th 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.





April 2 Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms 11:00 AM The Passion According to St. Matthew

April 4 Healing Service

Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

April 6 Maundy Thursday Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

April 7 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 8: Holy Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt for the Children 12:00PM -1:00PM Retelling of the Easter Story Nursery to 5th Grade Easter Vigil 6:30 PM

April 9: Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Celebration 11:00 AM Festival Communion Service with Brass Ensemble



On Sunday, April 9th, 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 the Brass ensemble and Holy Communion.

Please plan to attend our joyful Easter celebration!

Instead of giving something UP during Lent, please consider giving REVERSE LENT CALENDAR something away!

| | | March 17 | Granola Bars |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|
| February 22 | Chicken Noodle Soup | March 19 | Shelf Stable Juice |
| February 23 | Peanut Butter | March 20 | Peanut Butter |
| February 24 | Bar Soap | March 21 | Syrup |
| February 25 | Boxed Potatoes | March 22 | Pancake Mix |
| February 26 | Shelf Stable Juice | March 23 | Mixed Vegetables |
| February 27 | Grape Jelly | March 24 | Soup |
| February 28 | Tuna Helper | March 25 | Box of Cereal |
| March 1 | Macaroni/Cheese | March 26 | Flour |
| March 2 | Canned Fruit | March 27 | Canned Beef Stew |
| March 3 | Canned Tomatoes | March 28 | Shampoo |
| March 4 | Alfredo Sauce | March 29 | Your favorite food |
| March 5 | Feminine Products | March 30 | Kleenex |
| March 6 | Monetary Donation | March 31 | Muffin Mix |
| March 7 | Canned Meat | April 1 | Canned Fruit |
| March 8 | Baked Beans | April 2 | Flour |
| March 9 | Box of crackers | April 3 | Laundry Detergent |
| March 10 | Rice | April 4 | Feminine Products |
| March 11 | Flour | April 5 | Cleaning Products |
| March 12 | Pasta | April 6 | Canned Chicken |
| March 13 | Spaghetti Sauce | April 7 | Hand Soap |
| March 14 | Cereal | April 8 | Deodorant |
| March 15 | Canned Meat | | |
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March 16 Tomato Soup

THANKS FOR BLESSING KATIE'S **CUPBOARD!**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister Gene Hughes Lector Karen Waugaman Acolytes Kendall Bailey, Noelle Smoyer, William Bouch, Mitchell Wranich Welcome Team The Jazwinski family Camera Operator Keith Livengood

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry Secretary Sexton Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music Sr. Choir Accompanist Julie Smith Christine Lettrich Michael Craft Rebecca Veith Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of Quinten Bailey's 6th birthday from the Jazwinski family.

The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of Landon Kirkpatrick's 4th birthday from his grandparents, Patty and Denny Kirkpatrick.

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.



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