

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Sat. 5:30 pm
Sun. 8:00 am
Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastors

Mike Burdick
Trey Dille

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

Welcome

We welcome you to God’s Service in worship at St. John’s, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children’s Worship bags are available by the elevator door.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God’s Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John’s	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Trey Dille.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Miss Lili Wernsing.....	Song Leader
St. John’s Band	10:30am Music
Cohen Debolt, Graham Wendling, Jenna Bohnhoff	Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Greg Perry.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray (217-663-3916)	Elder on Duty for March 29 – April 4
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Pastor Dille.....(773-463-0617)	Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

As We Gather

Today we enter the Great and Holy Week of our faith, the very heart and center of God's greatest act since the Creation itself—the salvation of mankind by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. As we join the crowds welcoming Jesus, the one who comes in the name of the Lord, we plan to get swept up in the drama of the story many know so well.

Peter wrote, "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13). On this day "preparing [our] minds for action" makes us as contemplate and consider what was in the mind of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem to the cheers of adults and children waving palms and shouting praise. What was our Lord thinking as He gathered His disciples for the Last Supper of Passover? As He prayed in Gethsemane's garden? When He was arrested, falsely tried, beaten, abused, and sentenced to death by crucifixion? What was in the Savior's mind as He hung on that cross? For the obvious impossibility of our ability to know the depths of the God who says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways" (Isaiah 55:8), there is one thing we can know for sure—He had you in mind. We know that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16).

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

"Take You At Your Word"

Preservice #1

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your way is the only way for me
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I want to be on it
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide
'Cause You're good on Your promise*

*I'll take You at Your word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your word*

*You spoke and the chaos fell in line
I know 'cause I've seen it in my life
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I want to be on it*

*It's a narrow road and the tide is high
But You parted the water*

*I'll take You at Your word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your word*

*If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your word
You're good on Your promise*

(Continued)

*You said Your love will never give up
You said Your grace is always enough
You said Your heart
Would never forget or forsake me
You said I'm saved You call me Yours
You said my future's full of Your hope
You've never failed
So I know that You'll never fail me*

*I'll take You at Your word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works*

*If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your word*

*If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your word*

*You're good on Your promise
I'll take You at Your word*

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"Light Of The World"

Preservice #2

*You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world*

*You are a star in the night
You are a star in the night
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a star in the night*

*You are a city on a hill
You are a city on a hill
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a city on a hill*

*You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world*

*You are a candle in the dark
You are a candle in the dark
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a candle in the dark*

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Palm Sunday

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Procession of Palms

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Lord God, as the people in Jerusalem gathered to welcome Your Son, our Lord, when He came into His holy city, so we sing of Your coming among us today with songs of praise. Keep us steadfast in our hope and confession of faith throughout our lives that we may meet Him with grateful hearts when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

(10:30) Opening Song

*Hosanna loud hosanna
The little children sang
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang
To Jesus who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast
The children sang their praises
The simplest and the best*

*From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud*

*The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait*

*Hosanna in the highest
That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer
The Lord of heaven our King
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice*

"Hosanna Loud Hosanna" written by Jennette Threlfall, Lloyd LarsonPublic DomainScripture Reference: Matthew 21:1-17, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-38, John 12:12-13CCLI Song: 4658766

When all have arrived at their place, the procession concludes:

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The 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.

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

⁶I 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.

⁷But 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.

⁸He 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.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26

- ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
- ²³This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!
- ²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
- ²⁷The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
- ²⁹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Children's Message

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Philippians 2:8b

- C** He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Nicene Creed

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- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

*His Mercy Is More -**(10:30) Sermon Song*

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
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Sermon

Jesus Rode In to Die
Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- P So, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C 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.**

Offering Presentation / Collection of Cards

Thanksgiving

- P Let us pray.
- All praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, our one true King, for Your great deliverance of all by the sacrifice of Your own life on the cross, bringing the forgiveness of our sins to all who believe in you. As You humbled Yourself, becoming obedient to the point of death, grant that we have the same mind, that we hold fast to the Word of life and serve You with thanksgiving and praise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

C **Amen.**

Hymn #420

Christ, the Life of All the Living

“My Lighthouse”

(10:30) Closing Song

*In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me
Safe to shore Safe to shore Safe to
shore Safe to shore*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

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*My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me
Safe to shore Safe to shore Safe to shore
Safe to shore*

*Fire before us You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms*

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*My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
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Postlude

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