



# PALM SUNDAY

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

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KIM KYLLO AND NATHAN LYKE, PASTORS  
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**PRELUDE:** "A Festive Intrada" ..... Walter Felz

**BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

**P:** Bless these parade palms, O God of Celebration.

**C:** May they remind us of the simple joys of living. May we remember the excitement that comes with following Christ.

**P:** Bless these protest palms, O God of Justice.

**C:** May they remind us that Empire is not merely a mark of the past. May they make us bold and brave to stand up against injustice.

**P:** Bless these funeral palms, O God of Comfort.

**C:** May they remind us of the road that lies ahead. May they encourage us in times of grief and pain.

**P:** We give you thanks for the parade, the protest, the processional.

**C:** Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks as we cry out together "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!" Amen.

**GATHERING SONG:** "All Glory Laud and Honor" ..... ELW 344

*Refrain*

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'All Glory Laud and Honor'. The music is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 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.  
 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, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

## GREETING

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

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C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let Us Pray

C: **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Pastor Nathan Lyke

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion,  
 Look, your king is coming to you,  
 humble and mounted on a donkey,  
 and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The Gospel of our Lord  
 C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON: ..... Pastor Kim Kylo

**SPOKEN RESPONSE:**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 C: Hosanna in the highest!

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 C: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "My Song is Love Unknown" ..... WOVS 661



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might  
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that  
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is  
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.  
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home but what a stranger gave.  
 my Lord on earth might have; What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
 in death no friendly tomb but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.  
 Music: John Ireland, 1879-1962  
 Music © 1924 John Ireland, admin. The John Ireland Trust

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING: (8:30) "My Song is Love Unknown"..... arr. Michael Burkhardt**

(10:30) "Blessed is He" ..... arr. Jay Althouse  
Savannah Halvorson, soloist

Anthem Text

Hosanna, Hosanna!  
Hosanna, Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

All Glory, laud, and honor to Thee,  
redeemer King.

To whom the lips of children all sing, they sing!

The company of angels are praising  
Him on high,  
And we with all creation reply, reply!

Hosanna, hosanna the little children sang!  
Hosanna, hosanna, the lovely anthem rang!

Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

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name of the Lord!

All Glory, laud, and honor to Thee,  
redeemer King.

To whom the lips of children all sing, they sing!

Hosanna, 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.

Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna, hosanna on high!

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**PRAYERS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER** ..... ELW p. 145

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

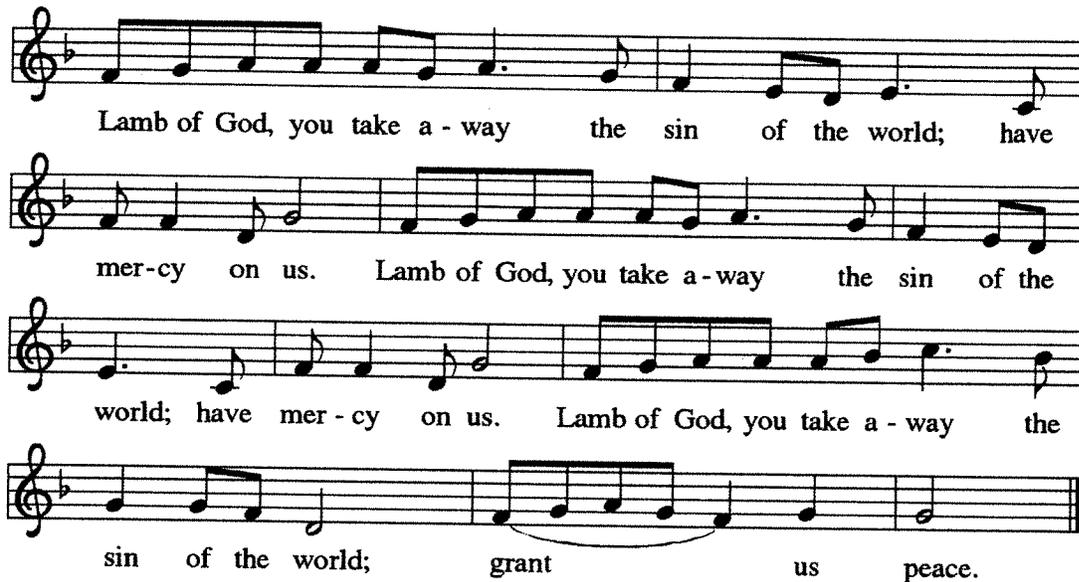
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;**

**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.**

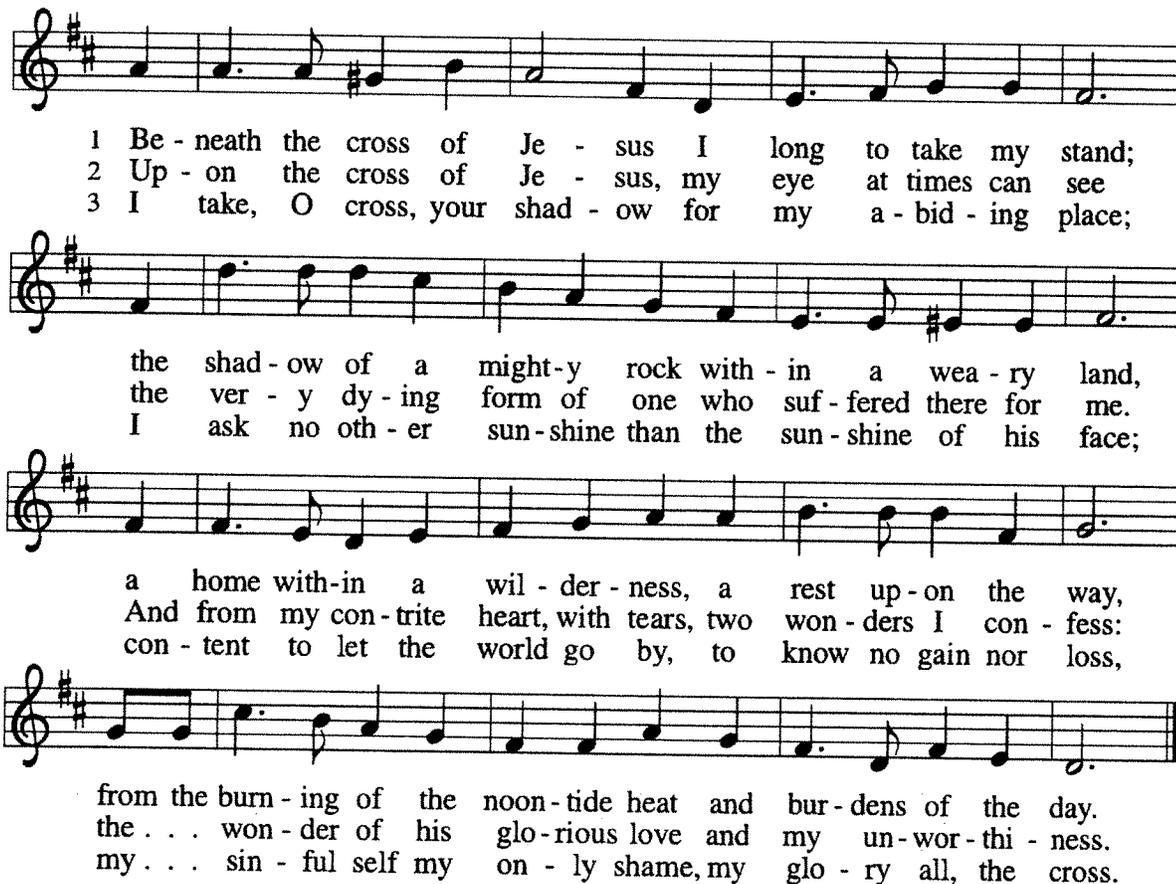
# DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" .....ELW p. 146



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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" .....ELW 338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

## HOLY WEEK READING: Matthew 26:14-30

L: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **BENEDICTION: Forgive Us**

P: Today we have cheered you on as our champion and hailed you as our hero.

**C: Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.**

P: Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

**C: Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide we can take care of ourselves.**

P: Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.

**C: Forgive us on Wednesday when we forget to remember who you are.**

P: Today we have called out to you loudly by name.

**C: Forgive us on Thursday when we pretend that we've never met you.**

P: Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of loyal followers.

**C: Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to see you on the cross.**

P: Today we have expressed our unsuppressed hopefulness in the future you have in store for us.

C: **Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost.**

P: Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will redeem us.

C: **Restore us on Sunday when we are startled and awed by your rising.**

Written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson, a pastor at East Hills Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and posted on her blog, Freshly Squeezed Liturgy

**CLOSING HYMN: "Christ the Life of All the Living"..... ELW 339**



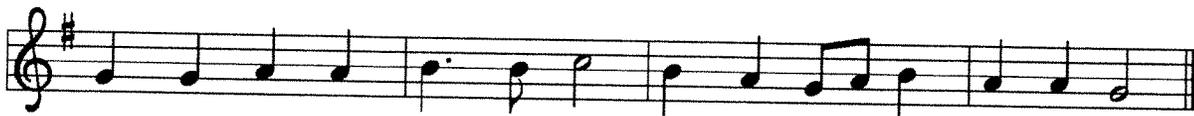
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

**DISMISSAL**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you**

P. We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

**POSTLUDE:** "*Chaconne*" ..... Gordon Young

## Senior Scholarship Important information

The Care and Compassion Team will be awarding at least three \$500 Scholarships to active St. John's Youth who will be pursuing a post-secondary education. If you are interested in this scholarship opportunity, please submit the following by **Wednesday, May 13th**:

1. A **one-page, 500-word, essay** entitled "***My Faith Journey***". In your essay, describe your early experiences with your faith at church and in your family (Sunday School, VBS, holiday traditions, etc.). Your later, middle school and high school experiences with your faith. Include youth group experiences, mission trips, bible camp, clubs at church, activities outside of church etc. Think about any special moments of faith you may have had, any "AHa" moments or stories of how you felt God in your life and include your ideas about how you will continue your faith journey as you move on to this next life chapter

**The essay should be submitted as a Word or Google document to [elisa@silcl.org](mailto:elisa@silcl.org)**

2. Submit a copy of an original file of your graduation photo. If you didn't have graduation photos taken, please submit a clear copy of a recent photo of yourself. **Please submit either type of photo as a .jpg.**
3. Your contact information including: **your email address; phone number; parent's email and phone number; your college's name and the mailing address for the college.**

\*The Compassion Team will review all submitted essays and select the scholarship recipients. The winners will be notified by email at the end of May.

**\*\*The recipients of the scholarships will be celebrated on Senior Sunday, May 31st.\*\***

**\*\*Students' essays and senior pictures will be shared with the congregation in the summer newsletter.\*\***

**\*\*Scholarship money for the winning essays will be distributed in Summer/early Fall 2026.\*\***

## Announcements:

1. Are you interested in traveling to our partner congregation in Muhanga, Tanzania, Africa in the summer of 2028? The Global Missions team will be holding a meeting on **Thursday April 16th at 6:30pm**. This is an informational meeting only, no commitment to travel has to be made to attend this meeting.

All members and interested individuals are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Gabby Hasselmann in person or via email at [gabby.kutz89@gmail.com](mailto:gabby.kutz89@gmail.com)

2. **More Than Just Lunch** will be going to the Temple of Aaron on **April 14<sup>th</sup>**. The Temple of Aaron was established on Rosh Hashanah in 1910 as a Conservative congregation of Judaism. We will learn about their holidays with insight into the Torah as well as Shabbat services. They look forward to answering any questions you may have about their faith. We will meet at church at 9:15. We will have lunch at the Highland Grill.

3. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**  
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm  
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm  
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am

4. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**  
**Facilitator:** Jackie Knauff  
**Meets:** 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next April 7**  
**Where:** Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**  
**Facilitator:** Ruth Weber  
**Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am** from September through June. **Meets next April 1.** Contact Ruth for details.  
**Where:** St. John's  
**Topic:** A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.

6. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**  
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.  
**Facilitators:** Pastor Kim Kylo & Colleen Dupre (of Highview Hills)  
**Meets:** Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on April 14**  
**Where:** Highview Hills

7. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**  
**Facilitator:** Peter Gudel (contact: [pigudel@gmail.com](mailto:pigudel@gmail.com))  
**Meets:** 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next April 20**

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

8. **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings , 7-8am St. John's Conference Room**

"It's back!" for some and "It's new!" for others. Pastor Nathan is leading a weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study with men in mind. Topics will vary throughout the year, but you can mark your calendars for Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. Join via Zoom with this QR code:



9. Are you looking for community, encouragement, and a place to exhale? MomCo at St. John's is a welcoming space for **ALL moms** — whether you're parenting littles, tweens or teens, — to connect, grow, and be refreshed.

No matter what stage of motherhood you are in, there is a seat for you here.

Visit [themom.co](http://themom.co) for more info!

**Location:** Near the kitchen

**Childcare provided**

**Registration: \$80** — includes



*(Please agree to pay the credit card fee if paying online)*

*Scholarships are available if needed.*

To join, simply scan the QR code and come as your wonderful, awkward, authentic self.

10. The **Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign** is the largest grassroots fundraiser in the state, and here at St. John's, we are kicking off a month-long series of Food Share events based on the meals we share every day that we maybe don't even think about. For each week in the month of March, you are invited to bring a food item for the corresponding meal of the week.

Our goal is to reach **1000 lbs.** of donated items for our neighbors!

Here's the schedule of events:

Week of March 4 - Rise and Shine! Breakfast Items

Week of March 11 - Lunch Box! Lunch Items

Week of March 18 - Dinner Dash! Dinner Items

Week of March 25 - Snack Attack! Snack Items

Week of March 29 (Holy Week) - Holy Hygiene! Personal Care/Child Care Items

Here are some suggested items for snacks for March is food share month

**Snack Items:**

Fruit cups (apple sauce or cut fruit)

Granola or fruit bars

Juice boxes

Microwave mac & cheese

Snack sized goldfish or pretzels

Instant oatmeal

Protein (beef jerky, meat sticks)

***\*As always monetary donations are gratefully accepted\****

11. Please review these **sign up links** for worship helpers which have lots of openings for you to choose from. Please review them and sign up for any that work for you. If you have any questions about any of these roles, please contact the church office.

Readers



Worship  
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12. **Easter Sanctuary Decorating** - Saturday, April 4th at 9 am. Join the Worship Arts Ministry (WAM) Team to help ready the sanctuary for Easter!
13. **Easter Office Hours and Easter Flower Pick-Up Times.** In observance of the Easter holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, April 6. As such, Easter flowers may be picked up on Easter Sunday between 11:30 am - noon OR Tuesday April 7 - Friday April 10 during regular business hours.

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

- April 2** Maundy Thursday worship: Love. 6:30 pm with Holy Communion in the Upper Room
- April 3** Good Friday worship at 6:30 pm with Readers Theater Worship: Self Control
- April 5** Easter Sunday—The day of Resurrection worship: Faithfulness. at 8:30 and 10:30 am with Holy Communion and special music.
- Easter Egg Hunt for children and families at 11:30 am. Bring a basket and be ready for some wonderful Spring and Easter fun.
- April 6** Church office closed



### Those serving today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen  
Lector..... Linda Nielsen (8:30), Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)  
Cantor..... Katie Pelletier  
Usher team leader..... Paul Johnson (8:30), Wright/Olson families (10:30)  
Communion Set Up/Clean Up..... Liz Westfield  
Communion Servers..... Liz Westfield, Dan Nelson, Linda Nielsen (8:30)  
Jennifer Milbradt, Perry Fuerniss, Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)  
Sound Tech..... Dave Coldren (8:30), Brandon Wright (10:30)  
Clicker Team..... Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)  
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)  
Worship Coordinator..... (8:30), Pam & Peter Haukoos (10:30)  
Coffee Servers..... Judy Borchardt & Judy Nyssen

### Those serving next week:

Organist..... Karen Olson  
Lector..... Elisa Brown (8:30), Susan Pastika (10:30)  
Usher Team Leader..... John Hartwig (8:30), Wright/Olson families (10:30)  
Communion Set Up/Clean Up..... Jeanne Hartwig  
Communion Distribution..... Christie Wright, Jackie Sorensen, Elisa Brown, Dan Brown  
Barry Fick, Kathy Ziller (8:30),  
Barry Fick, Perry Fuerniss, Amanda Boe, Kay Halvorson, Lowell Grimm, (10:30)  
Acolyte..... (8:30) Ellorie Jacobs (10:30)  
Clicker Team.....(8:30), Christie Wright (10:30)  
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Livestream Team.....Francine Capasso (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)  
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Coffee Servers..... John & Jeanne Hartwig

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