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Palm Sunday
April 1/2, 2023

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Prayer before worship: Dear Jesus, forgive us for our pride and arrogance that often make us put ourselves before others. We thank you for your humility that led you to leave heaven for earth, to give up the full use of your divine powers for a time, to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey that you might go to a cross to die for our sins. As we begin our Holy Week commemoration and meditation today, remind us of your humility that rescued us. Then, filling our hearts with gratitude for your service to us, re-adjust our attitudes and make them like yours: eager to humble ourselves in service to others as we serve you in thanks. In your name we ask it. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL with PALMS

Meet inside the new narthex and the office entrance before services; palm branches will be distributed.

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of the Passover sacrifice of the Lamb of God. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion and was welcomed as king by those who shouted, “Hosanna”, and spread their cloaks and palm branches in his path. Accept our words of praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King who entered Jerusalem to save us; even your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace: **In the name of the Lord.**

The congregation processes into church singing “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Process down middle aisle holding palm branches in the air. Lay palm branches around the base of the baptismal font and return to the pews down the side aisles.

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessèd One. (Refrain)
- 2 The company of angels is praising you on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)
- 3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)
- 4 To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)
- 5 As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.

*When the worshippers have reached their places,
the minister stands before the altar and says:*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

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FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 24

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Refrain
The hour has come, the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glo - ri - fied.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN of the DAY *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* **CW 411**

SERMON **Philippians 2:5-11**

The King Adjusts Our Attitudes
I. Learn Humility from the King
II. Live Humbly for the King

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OFFERING / COMMUNION

If you are not a member of a WELS/ELS congregation, please see the explanation in the announcements.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet* **CW 414**

PRAYERS (*Contemporary*) **and BLESSING** p. 203

CLOSING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **CW 413**

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PRESIDING MINISTER	Pastor Jeff Bovee
ORGAN	Craig Hirschmann

Welcome, Visitors!

Please scan the QR code to
sign our Guest Register.





BUILDING ON THE ROCK

As we enter our final fourteen days of this campaign, we are forever grateful for all the support this legacy campaign has received, whether that be one-time gifts, or pledges for future support. These gifts and pledges to date have grown to just over \$4 million!

Our MVL Board of Directors tasked our committee to obtain \$6.5 million in support for this \$11.5 million dollar project. Our prayer is that this project will not only improve the quality of Christian education we offer, but also support the expected growth in enrollment of MVL.

What an opportunity this will be for our school and its ministry

If you have a pledge card, but have not completed it yet, please do so and return to MVL in the next few days.

Donations can be made on MVL's secure website:

<https://mvl.org/capital-campaign/>

Please join us
in asking our Lord to bless our efforts!

Contact one of the Campaign Committee members
if you have any questions!

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**Working together, contributing together,
we can do this!**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: How to Use the Power of God
	12:30 pm	Youth Group: Easter Caroling
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	7 pm	Choir
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	6:45 pm	MVL Concert
Thu	11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Services
Fri	12 pm	Tre Ore Service at St. Paul's Church
	7 pm	Tenebrae Service
Sat		NO Saturday Service

† Upcoming Services †

Maundy Thursday: 11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm
 Good Friday: Tre Ore: 12 pm at St. Paul's Church
 Tenebrae: 7 pm
 NO Saturday Service
 Easter Sunday: 7 & 9:30 am (NO 11 am Service)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 9	7 & 9:30 am	Easter Sunday Services (NO 11 am Service)
Apr 10		Church Office Closed
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Apr 11	6 pm	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Apr 12	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Apr 13	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: Minor Prophets
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: Great Prayers of the Bible
Apr 14	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i>
Apr 15	6:30 pm	Worship
Apr 16	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Hot to Use the Power of God
	4 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Apr 17	10:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	12 pm	OWLS Meeting at St. Paul's Church
	7 pm	Confirmation Examination Practice
Apr 18	7 pm	Council Meeting
Apr 19	7 pm	Choir

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 483

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,243	Home Operations ~ \$18,540 is our weekly need		
\$781	MVL ~ \$1,214 is our weekly need	\$100	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$870	Missions ~ \$1,754 is our weekly need	\$100	Military Education Assistance
\$847	Building Fund	\$75	Kitchen Fund
\$5,650	Iris Boxes	\$30	Food & Fellowship

Women of St. John's Meeting ~ Our April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 7 pm in the church basement. Please join us for a presentation by a New Ulm police officer on personal safety and self defense.

2023 Pictorial Directory ~ The 2023 Edition of the St. John's Church Directory is complete and printed. Our members may take one of either size (8x11 or 5x8) per family. They are located in both the back narthex and the new narthex by the windows. If the supply of directories is gone, please fill out a request form indicating size desired and your name—place into J/C Dretske mailbox and I will place a directory in your church mailbox as soon as I am able to print more.

Wish List Item ~ St. John's congregation will observe its 75th Anniversary on Sunday, August 6. The Anniversary Committee would like to add a festive touch to our anniversary celebration by having a well-known composer write a musical piece for the occasion. We have commissioned John Behnke to write a concertato on hymn 861, "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head." This commissioned piece would utilize the many musical resources of our congregation: choir, organ, brass, timpani, handbells, and the voices of our congregation. This is estimated to come in around \$900-\$1,200. To date we have received \$125 toward the project.

75th Anniversary Meal ~ will be held on Sunday, August 6th at MLC following the 10 am service. The cost of the meal will be \$12.50/person. RSVP information will be coming in May/June. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Iris Boxes ~ The Iris Box Project is a new ministry at St. John's. The Iris Box is designed to be given to families who lost their baby through miscarriage or stillbirth. The items included in the box are intended as a source of comfort and a symbol of our love and care. Members are welcomed and encouraged to pick up a box from the church office for any family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. who experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth. (*A limited number of boxes are currently available. There will be more soon.*) If you would like to support the Iris Box Project, you may donate the amount for a box (approx. \$40/box) or any amount. You may include it in your offering envelope with "Iris Box Project" on the envelope. If you knit or crochet and would like to help by making small blankets, please contact Kelly by phone or email listed below. Yarn will be provided to you. Please contact Kelly Diersen (507-766-9085) or Catherine St. John (248-346-0402) or email irisboxproject@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Offering Announcement ~ Visitors, there is no obligation or expectation that you should give to support our ministry at St. John's. This is our members' way of expressing their thanks to God and supporting the work that we do to share the Gospel in New Ulm and around the world. Members, you are invited to give your gifts of gratitude and thanks to God for all he's done for you in Christ by leaving your offerings in the drop box in the narthex. Or you can bring your offerings to the church during regular office hours: Mondays through Fridays, 8 am - 1 pm. You might also consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay service and have your offering automatically sent to the church on a one time or recurring basis.

Communion Announcement: At St. John's we practice "close communion." That is, we invite only those who are in fellowship with us as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (or of a synod that is in fellowship with us) to commune with us. We are in no way judging your personal faith. But we recognize that in the Lord's Supper we enjoy not only a close communion, or fellowship, with God, but we also enjoy a close communion with one another as we publicly express our agreement in every teaching of God's Word. And we wouldn't presume to ask you to publicly confess your agreement with all that we teach and believe without first being instructed in what it is that we teach and believe. But if you do desire to commune with us, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Registration at St. Paul's School ~ St. Paul's Preschool, New Ulm, now taking applications for the 2023-2024 school year! Visit <https://splnewulm.org/school/preschool/> for more information or to apply. We are excited to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning with your 3,4 or 5 year old!

Lent Vespers at MLC ~ Mark your calendars for a special Holy Week worship opportunity at Martin Luther College. On Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 pm in the Chapel of the Christ, MLC will host its annual Lent Vespers service. This year, the service will feature a cantata by David von Kampen entitled, "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." All are welcome!

MVL Sacred Concert ~ Christ Our Conqueror The concert will be in the MVL gymnasium beginning at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, April 5, and feature the MVL Symphonic Band, Freshman Choir, Chargaliers, and A Capella Choir. All are invited to add this concert to their observance of Holy Week, as we celebrate all that God, in his great mercy, has done for us!

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will meet at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, New Ulm on Monday, April 17. Fellowship begins any time after 11:30 am. Participants will feast on a noon potluck meal, followed by a devotion. At about 1 pm, we will drive to the New Ulm Recreation Center for a presentation on "Physical Fitness for Seniors." Plan to attend.

St. Paul's School Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Grade school band program will present its Spring Concert on April 27 at 7 pm in the school gymnasium. The Junior Raider Band and Raider Band will perform along with many soloists and small groups including a 9 piece trumpet group and a 6 piece clarinet group. Take some time to come and join us!

MLC Concert ~ Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for “The Road Well-Traveled.” Many of the melodies on the program are like well-loved friends. And along the way, you’ll be introduced to newer voices who may very well become fast friends. The concert is Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 pm in the WCC Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attention MVL Alumni ~ MVL's year-end choir concert will be held at Bethany Lutheran College's Trinity Chapel on April 23rd at 7 pm. We would like to invite any alumni who sang in the choir to come and sing with us again! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mr. Jon Hermanson (jhermanson@mvlhs.org) and he will send you the music to prepare. There will be a brief rehearsal in the chapel before the concert. More information will be shared with participants as the date gets closer. We hope to have many of you join us!

St. Paul's School Dig In Gala ~ The St. Paul's School 2023 Dig In Gala is sure to be a can't miss event, as we celebrate God's gift of our school and Cinco de Mayo all in one amazing night! Casual dress is acceptable for this Gala, and the food, fellowship, and fun will be in large supply. Tickets for the Friday, May 5, event at Concordia Lanes go on sale on Monday, April 3. Come by yourself, a couple, or even reserve a table for 10 by heading to the ticket website: <https://buytickets.at/stpaulsschoolnewulm>. Payment can be made via PayPal through Amy Rich's account or at either St. Paul's Church or School. Ticket deadline is April 28, or when the venue is full. Proceeds will benefit the School Building Project.

MVL Summer Camps ~ Check out the trifold brochure or the poster on the youth board in the new narthex for information. Go to www.mvl.org to register by April 28th.

Job Openings ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, is looking for a full-time church secretary. If you are a St. Paul's, WELS, or ELS member interested please pick up a job description and application at St. Paul's.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, is looking for an individual with excellent people skills to fill a part time office professional position. This position would work 1 – 2 days (6 to 12 hours) per week. Responsibilities would include logging weekly congregational member offerings, answering phones, appropriately forwarding emails and being cross trained in bulletin preparation among other duties. Please contact St. Johns at 507-794-6200 with any questions or send a resume to office@stjohnsse.com by April 13th.

Martin Luther College is accepting applications for full-time **Custodians**, part-time **Assistant Coaches** in volleyball, football, and basketball, and for a variety of **summer jobs**. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

About the Cover ~ Gustave Doré (January 6, 1832 – January 23, 1883) was a French artist, as a printmaker, illustrator, painter, comics artist, caricaturist, and sculptor. He is best known for his prolific output of wood-engravings, especially those illustrating classic books and 241 illustrating the Bible. In the woodcut on the cover he portrays Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Jesus came in humility, on a donkey, a beast of burden (and therefore of peace), rather than on a horse that was used in battle. Jesus came to bring peace, not by defeating the Romans or other political powers, but by humbly sacrificing himself to endure hell on a cross to pay for our sins. By his humility, Jesus brought us peace with God. His humility, then, prompts our own as we are now eager to put others ahead of ourselves in order that we might bring glory and honor to him to express our gratitude.