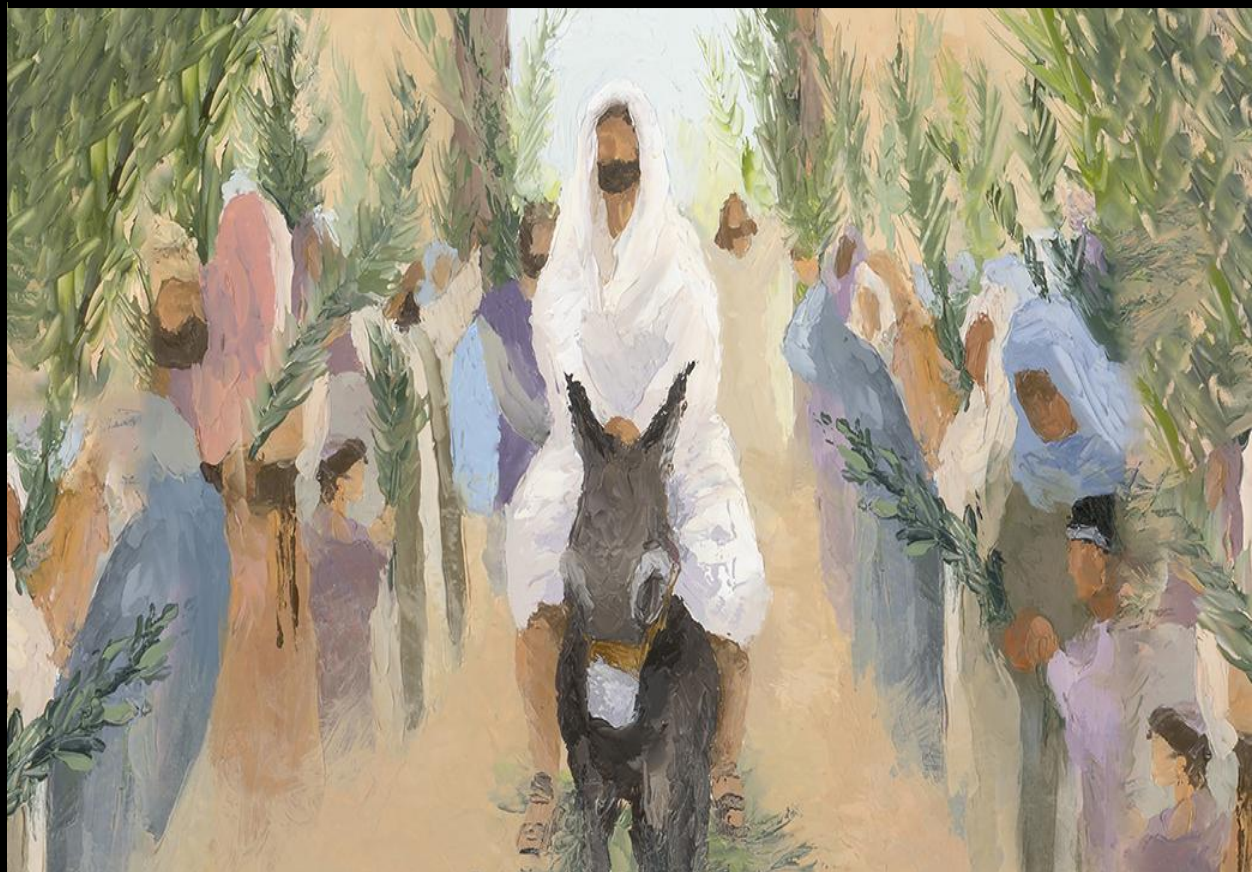


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PALM SUNDAY

April 12/13, 2025

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, readjust 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Service Setting 1

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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.

OPENING HYMN	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	CW 412
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Be seated

FIRST READING	Isaiah 42:1–4
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¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will

not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

The King of Glory Comes

CW 548

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 19:38

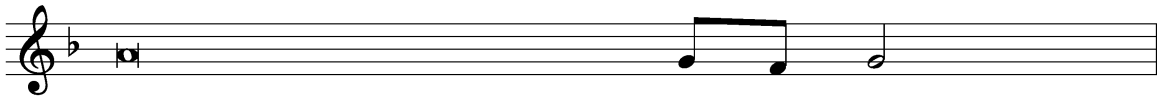


Refrain



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

Tone



“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Refrain



“Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est!”

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28–40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “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. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” ⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

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

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* CW 411

SERMON The King Adjusts Our Attitudes Philippians 2:5-11

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

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OFFERING

HYMN *No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet* CW 414

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CLOSING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* CW 413

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Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Sunday	8, 9:30,11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class: 1 Samuel w/ Prof. Dolan
Monday	11 am	OWLS Meeting
	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
Tuesday	7 pm	Council
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Public & Homeschool Catechism

	6:30 pm	Examination Practice
Thursday	11am, 4, 6:30 pm	Holy Thursday Service
Friday	12 pm	Tre Ore @ St. Paul's
	7 pm	Tenebrae
Saturday	6:30 pm	NO WORSHIP
Sunday, Apr. 20	7, 9:30 am	Easter Sunday Service
	8 am	Easter Breakfast
Tuesday, Apr. 22	7 pm	Voters' Meeting
Wednesday, Apr. 23	6:30 pm	Confirmation Examination Service
Thursday, Apr. 24	10 am	Bible Class: 1 Samuel w/ Prof. Dolan
	7 pm	Vices and Virtues
Friday, Apr. 25	9:30 pm	Women's Bible Class: Vices and Virtues

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 643 with 502 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of Faith:

\$18,488 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$249,170 / YTD: \$262,056
 \$1,999 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$26,720 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
 \$1,057 MVL ~ YTD: \$16,041 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
 \$35 K-12 Education Assistance
 \$245 Undesignated Memorials
 \$22 Food and Fellowship
 \$212 Altar and Flowers
 \$1,145 Building Fund
 \$75 Iris Boxes
 \$100 Technology Equipment
 \$96 Miscellaneous Income
 \$100 Ministerial Education Endowment Fund
 \$100 Benevolence Fund
 \$10 Christian Family Solutions
 \$100 Designated Miscellaneous
 \$20 Endowment Fund

Easter Breakfast ~ Easter breakfast is quickly approaching! Signup sheets for food donations and volunteering on Easter morning can be found in the narthex. This year we will make the egg bakes in-house rather than catering them in. Be sure to join us for this wonderful fellowship opportunity!

Givelify ~ Scan the QR code to use the givelify app and donate your offering.



Iris Boxes ~ The Iris Box Project is a continuing ministry at St. John's. Almost 100 boxes have been distributed since the ministry began. We need to replenish the supply and could use your help, whether it's with your time, talents, or treasures. 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/text or email listed below. Yarn and specifications will be provided to you. If you are willing to donate your time by assembling boxes or other tasks, also please contact Kelly. 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. Please contact Kelly Diersen (507-766-9085), Catherine St. John (248-346-0402) or Sarah Strackbein (612-361-0425) email irisboxproject@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Church Softball League in New Ulm ~ Our St. John's slow pitch softball team needs players!! The season runs from early June through late July. Anyone age 13 and up are welcome to join the team! For more information please fill out the interest survey: bit.ly/SJChurchSoftball or scan the QR code:



AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWLS Meeting ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting on Monday, April 14, for a 10:30 AM gathering at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Prof. Mark Paustian from MLC will talk about his book, "Sharing the Gospel Through Stories." After the presentation we will have a catered meal of beef and pork meats from Joni's Restaurant. The costs will be covered with Thrivent Action Team moneys. If you have not signed up and plan to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or phone 507-359-2424 by Wednesday noon, April 9, 2025, for a meal count. Hope you can make it.

St. Paul's Band Concert ~ The St. Paul School Raider Band will present its Spring Concert on May 1 at 7:00 in the school gymnasium. We are *Band, Raider Band 007* and *Band, Junior Band 008*, presenting a concert of spy music and other pieces including the James Bond Theme and Mission Impossible Theme. Join us for an evening of spy fun!

Mission Trip ~ If you are interested in participating in a Mission Trip this summer, please fill out the form at tinyurl.com/spmt25. Please contact Staff Minister Kuschel with any questions.

Open Positions at LMSG ~ Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is seeking a part-time paid bookkeeper to manage financial transactions, contributions, and reports for the organization. Additionally, there is a volunteer opening for an LMSG Their Stories Told interviewer/writer to share the stories of WELS/ELS Military Service Members. LMSG provides Christ-centered support to WELS and ELS Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Learn more at www.lutheranmilitary.org.

MLC Service ~ You are cordially invited to attend Martin Luther College's annual Lent Vespers service on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30pm. The Women's Choir, Männerchor, and Chorale will be presenting Michael John Trotta's beautiful *Seven Last Words*. We hope you can make this annual service a meaningful part of your Holy Week.

St. Paul's School Dig in Gala ~ We are looking forward to celebrating the blessings of our school with the 6th Annual St. Paul's School Dig In Gala! The Gala will be held on Friday, May 9, at Turner Hall in New Ulm, with doors opening at 6:00pm. Individual and full-table tickets for the event are on sale NOW at <https://buytickets.at/digingala2025/1638380> or in the school office. Ticket proceeds, as well as donations made during the silent and live auctions - and other fun activities - will go to Phase 4 of the School Mortgage Campaign, It's Time. Encouraged dress for the event is business casual or dress with our Wild West theme for this year, if you wish. If you own a business that would like to be an event sponsor, please contact Amy Rich at stampinnut@me.com.



Soccer Camp ~ Join John and Paul Ministries June 9-12, 2025, from 9-11:30 am at the MLC Soccer Fields as experienced leaders and coaches help children ages 4 - 4th grade improve their soccer skills through skill practice and scrimmages and learn the love of Jesus through daily devotions! \$30/child (\$20 additional children of the same family.) Register now at johnandpaulministries.com! *Registration deadline is May 18.* Questions? Reach out to camp coordinator Nick Schmoller at nick.schmoller@gmail.com.

Soccer Camp Help ~ Many hands help make an outreach event go smoothly, and with 100-150 kids participating in Summer Soccer Camp, please consider joining the Soccer Camp team! There are a variety of ways you can help, from first aid tent to snacks to coaching! Sign up now at johnandpaulministries.com! Questions? Reach out to Laura Martens (JPM event coordinator) at lmartens@splnewulm.org.

Wind Symphony Concert ~ Join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony on Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 pm for “Dances, Songs, and Legends,” a captivating musical journey through global traditions. This concert features an exciting and diverse program, from the fiery Spanish rhythms of Ferrer Ferran’s Consuelo Císcar to the rich folk heritage of Variations on a Korean Folk Song by John Barnes Chance. Experience the Mohican tradition of “vocables” in Brent Michael Davids’ Grandmother

Song, the spirited energy of Dvořák's Slavonic Dance No. 8, and the timeless beauty of Holst's First Suite in E-flat. The evening concludes with the fervor of Alfred Reed's El Camino Real and the poignant reflection of Julie Giroux's One Life Beautiful. Don't miss this celebration of music, culture, and legend!

Meet Fairy Tale Characters ~ Fairy tale characters from MLC Forum Theatre's *Once Upon a Crime: The Trial of Goldilocks* are coming to Lykke books (New Ulm): Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 am- Noon. Meet your favorite characters from beloved fairy tales like *Goldilocks*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and *Little Red Riding Hood*. Kids will enjoy seeing characters come to life, hearing them read their favorite fairy tale adventure, and joining MLC students in unique crafts. Tickets are FREE, but families must sign up so we don't overflow! Sign up for a story and craft time at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., or 11 a.m. Great for ages 3-10! Sign up available at <https://www.ulmsweetulm.com/events>.

CLE ~ The Christian Leadership Experience (CLE), hosted by The Antioch Foundation since 2015, is about building the next generation of leaders for the Church. From training our children to living our faith at work, from volunteering for a committee to participating musically at church, God places opportunities in front of each of us to lead in unique ways. With a broad range of keynotes and breakouts, the CLE has something for everyone, including an in-depth leadership track available on Friday. Networking opportunities abound, with a relaxing social event on Friday evening. We hope you will join us for this two-day event and experience Christian fellowship and opportunities to follow, serve, and lead! June 13-14, 2025 • La Crosse Center • La Crosse, WI Visit www.christlead.com for more information and registration details.

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