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Palm Sunday
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Today's service is televised locally

Channel 14 - Comcast: Mondays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 1 pm & Thursdays at 10 am

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Prayer before worship: Lord, we know that we deserve to have our eyes downcast, staring at our feet as we hang our heads in shame. But, in your grace, you encourage us to look up to see our King, Jesus, our Savior! We look up to see him ride into Jerusalem on a donkey to carry out his mission. We look up to see him hanging on a cross to pay for our sin. And we look up to the skies in anticipation of his return to make all things new. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Amen.

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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.

9:30 & 11 am Congregation sings the odd verses; Choir sings the even verses

- 1 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and blessed one.**
- 2 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels Is praising you on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.*
- 3 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.**
- 4 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.*
- 5 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
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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Hosanna to the Son of David, the Son of David!

Blessed is He that comes in the name, the name of the Lord!

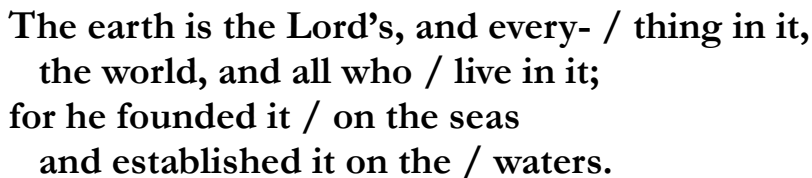
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Zechariah 9:9–12

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. ¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Thanks be to God.

Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry.



Who may stand in his / holy place?

they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. *Refrain*

Who is this King of / glory?

**Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.**

The Lord Almighty—he is the King of / glory.

*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:1–3

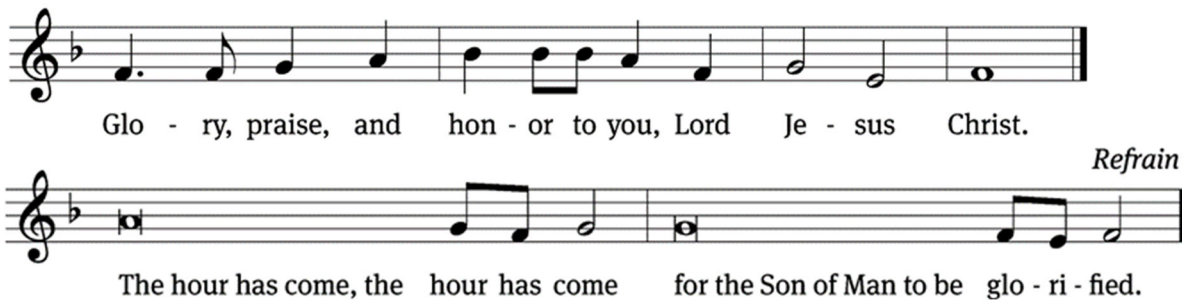
¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1–10

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!”

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

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the DAY *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* **CW411**

SERMON **Zechariah 9:9-12**

Look Up and See Your King!
I. Look Up to See Him on a Donkey
II. Look Up to See Him on a Cross
III. Look Up to See Him on the Clouds

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OFFERING

HYMN *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet* **CW414**

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CLOSING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **CW413**

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PRESIDING MINISTER	Pastor Jeff Bovee
ORGAN	Pastor Jacob Behnken
SENIOR CHOIR	Craig Hirschmann



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE



MLC DAY

— MAY 1, 2024 —

*Join MLC supporters across the globe
in celebrating and promoting
ministerial education on MLC Day.*

What can you do to participate in MLC Day?

You can *pray*, *share*, and *give*
to support the training of future called workers.

- **Send us a prayer** you've written for our students, faculty, or staff.
- **Share photos and videos** to our MLC Facebook and Instagram pages celebrating students, alumni, and called workers.
- **Give to your College of Ministry.** Your gifts on MLC Day will help fund the Congregational Partner Grant Matching Fund, directly supporting MLC students. ***Thanks to two generous donors, your MLC Day gifts will be MATCHED up to \$60,000!***
- **Use MLC's Project Elijah classroom materials** to have your own ministerial education recruitment week.
- **Download signs and materials** to celebrate MLC Day.

***Watch our social media and emails for more opportunities
to support our ministry and students.***



visit ***mlcday.com***
for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
Tue	7 pm	MVL Concert
Wed	7 pm	Choir
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: 12 pm: Tre Ore Service at St. Paul's
 7 pm: Tenebrae Service
 Saturday: NO Saturday service
 Easter Sunday: 7 & 9:30 am (Breakfast ~ 8-9 am)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 31	7 & 9:30 am	Easter Sunday Worship
	8 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 am	Basement Reserved
Apr 1		Church office closed
Apr 2	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Women of St. John's Meeting
Apr 3	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	7 pm	Choir
Apr 4	10:30 am	Bible Class: The I AM Statements of Jesus
	7 pm	Bible Class: The Hard Sayings of Jesus
Apr 5	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Apr 6	5:30 pm	MVL Auction at Turner Hall
	6:30 pm	Worship
Apr 7	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship
Apr 8	6 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Education Meeting
Apr 10	6 pm	Handbells
	7 pm	Choir
Apr 12	7 am	Early Bird Bible Class: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Mary: Mother of God
Apr 13	6:30 pm	Worship
Apr 14	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: Worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 563 with 444 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,016	Home Operations ~ <i>Needed to Date: \$193,887 / Received to Date: \$214,880</i>	
\$1,562	MVL ~ <i>Received to Date: \$13,234</i>	\$1,100 St. Paul's School
\$1,906	Missions ~ <i>Received to Date: \$17,460</i>	\$800 K-12 Education Assistance
\$339	Building Fund	\$398 Altar and Flowers
\$265	Food & Fellowship	\$50 Sanctuary Renovation
\$25	St. Paul's School Building Fund	

Health Update for Phil Scriver ~ Phil Scriver, our called 5-6 grade teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School will be having surgery next week Thursday (3/28) to remove a brain tumor. The recovery time is expected to be 4-6 weeks if all goes according to plan. A long-term substitute teacher is set to take Mr. Scriver's place until he can return to the classroom. Please keep the Scriver's, the school, our congregation, and everyone impacted by this change in your prayers. We trust that God's plans are for the good of his people and his kingdom!

Education Assistance Fund ~ Due to an increase in tuition for St. Paul's Lutheran School, St. John's has established an Education Assistance Fund to assist families that might find it a financial hardship to enroll their children at St. Paul's Lutheran School. If you are moved to give a special offering to the Lord, please consider contributing to this fund so the blessing of Christian education can be shared with all of the families at St. John's. You can write "Education Assistance Fund" to designate a portion of your offerings to this cause. Please consider doing so!

Summer Church Softball ~ Our St John's slow-pitch softball team took second place last year! The season runs from early June to early August. All St John's members age 12 and older are welcome to join! If you are interested in playing please fill out the survey at bit.ly/SJNUSB.



MVL Concert ~ *Come Unto Me and Rest* On Tuesday, March 26, MVL will be holding its Spring Sacred Concert titled, "Come Unto Me and Rest." The concert will feature the MVL Symphonic Band, Freshman Choir, Chargaliers, and A Capella Choir. The concert will be held in the MVL gymnasium with the pre-music beginning at 6:45 pm. 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!

Easter Breakfast Sign-Up ~ Easter breakfast is just a few weeks away! You can find the signup sheets for that meal in the narthex. Many hands make light work! Email questions to Carrie Schaefer at carriehieb@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION YOUTH! Mission Trip & Youth Rally ~ If you are 8th grade and older and are interested in participating in a Mission Trip or the WELS Youth Rally this summer, please scan the QR code. Contact St. Paul's Staff Minister, Kris Kuschel, with any questions at kkuschel@splnewulm.org.



Ushers and Greeters Wanted ~ Ushers serve on the front line of evangelism for our guests attending St. John's. We seek to ensure all worshippers feel welcome and safe during our services. Ushers are needed for Saturday evening services, with some openings on Sunday morning crews. No experience is necessary. Male members and young men in confirmation class are encouraged to inquire.

Do you have a love for others, enjoy socializing, and are looking for a simple way to serve at St. John's? Consider serving as a greeter! Greeters ensure guests and members feel welcome and serve as guides and sources of information. Our greeter program is open to any member and youth in confirmation class. Contact Brad Price for more information at Deacon@stjohnsnewulm.com

New Ulm Food Drive ~ The collection boxes for the New Ulm Emergency Food Drive are in the narthex. Any food or donations (donation checks made out to New Ulm Food Shelf) need to be in by Sunday, March 24. Thanks for sharing with our community. Contact Carla Melendy at melendce@mlc-wels.edu or Deb Beatty at 5beatty@newulmtel.net with questions.

Sanctuary Screens ~ Volunteers are needed to advance the slides during services. Talk to Jim Dretske if you have questions. To sign up use the link bit.ly/SJSlideAdvance or scan the QR code. Thank you!



2024 Pictorial Directory ~ The Pew Copies of the 2024 Pictorial Directory are now in the pews. The old copies were well worn and used often--Awesome! Please use the Pew Copies to get to know each other by name. If members would like either a small (8x5) or a large (8x11) copy of the 2024 pictorial directory, please fill out the Directory Request Card, found in either narthex, include your printed name, check size desired, and place card in the J/C Dretske Mailbox or in the church office. For a great option, get an electronic version that is always up-to-date. Go to <http://instantchurchdirectory.com> to download the phone app: Instant Church Directory. It is easy to use, just follow online directions.

NEW Bible Class Offered ~ Join us in person or online at bit.ly/SJBibleClass Fridays at 7 am. The *Early Bird Bible Class* will include a light breakfast and the Word. There will be a freewill offering to help offset the cost of food.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Devotions from MLC ~ Digital formats of *The Savior We Need* devotions are being offered beginning March 22. An online flipbook will also be available. Subscribe to the daily devotions at mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/.

Lent Vespers at MLC ~ You are cordially invited to a Lent Vespers service at Martin Luther College in the Chapel of the Christ Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday), at 7:30 pm. The choirs of MLC will present "The Suffering Servant," a piece based on Isaiah 53, written for Holy Week by K. Lee Scott, as well as choral selections from Bach's *St. John Passion*. We hope to see you there!

Annual Carnival in Nicollet ~ Come one and all to the Trinity Lutheran School Annual Carnival to be held on Saturday, April 13th from 11 am - 3 pm. Games, Silent Auction and a Pie Auction will be held during this time. We hope to see you there!

“Camp Shetek” MN Valley Lutheran Camp ~ “Camp Shetek” will be held at the Group Center at Sibley State Park from June 16 - June 22. More information can be found in the narthex and online. Online registration is open at www.campshetek.org.

WELS/ELS Singles Retreat ~ We invite all singles (widowed, divorced, or never married) to join us at the 2024 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for a weekend of fellowship and fun! The retreat will be April 26-28, 2024 at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, TX. Our theme is "Living In Our Season." The price is \$150. You can register at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat. Any questions can be sent to texasingleswels@gmail.com.

MVL Summer Camps ~ See the information in the e-Bulletin and the poster on the youth board in the narthex for MVL Summer Camps information. Deadline is Friday, April 26.

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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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Services

Saturday, March 23

6:30 pm

Sunday, March 24

8, 9:30 & 11 am



Maundy Thursday Services

Thursday, March 28

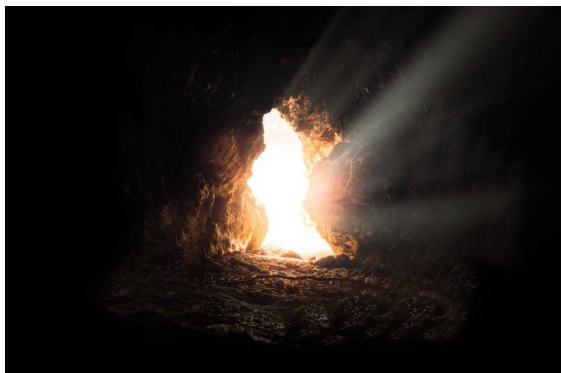
11 am, 4 & 6:30 pm

Good Friday Services

Friday, March 29

12 pm: Tre Ore Service at St. Paul's

7 pm: Tenebrae Service



Easter Sunday Services

NO Saturday Service

Sunday, March 31

7 & 9:30 am