

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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**March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday & Confirmation**

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Werner, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

### Liturgy - Divine Service Setting Three (pg. 184)

**Opening Hymn:** 442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**Hymn of the Day:** 438 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

**Confirmation Hymn:** 689 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

**Distribution Hymn:** 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

**Distribution Hymn:** 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

**Distribution Hymn:** 443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**Distribution Hymn:** 444 "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

**Closing Hymn:** 441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

### Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

**Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home);**

**Annette Bott (cancer)**

**Acolyte today** - Avery Ohlde

**Acolyte April 5th** - Briette Bott

**Ushers today** - \*Evan Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Deavon Ohlde, & Kingston Voelker

**Ushers April 5th** - \*Conner Ohlde, Nolan Meier, Cash Stunkel, & Aiden Sweet

**No Fellowship Hour LYF today or April 5th** (Palm Sunday & Easter)

**Fellowship Hour LYF serving April 12th** - Liam Voelker & Cade Hiltgen

## CONFIRMANDS

**Emma Diane Hiltgen, daughter of Chad & Elizabeth Hiltgen**

"They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." [Isaiah 40:31]

**Emmerich Scott Hornkohl, son of Danny & Debi Hornkohl**

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." [Philippians 4:13]

**Nolan Wayne Meier, son of Jared & Theresa Meier**

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." [Romans 12:2]

**Kyra Kay Ohlde, daughter of Shane & Ann Ohlde**

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." [Isaiah 41:10]

**Lexie Joyce Ohlde, daughter of Shane & Ann Ohlde**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9]

**Hendrix Benjamin Stunkel, son of Chad & Laura Stunkel**

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." [Jeremiah 29:11]

**Lydia Mae Voelker, daughter of Kurtis & Ashley Voelker**

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." [John 14:27]

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

*-Rev. John Werner, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church*

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

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### Morning Prayer

*I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

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## Procession of Palms

*The congregation faces the procession in the back of the church.*

### Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **Amen.**
  
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### Collect

- P Let us pray.
- Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 12:12-19*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
  
- P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is 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.**

## **442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*LSB 442*

*All arrive at their places. The children sing and then return to their parents.*

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

## **Collect of the Day**

P Let us pray...one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

*The service continues with the readings in the Service of the Word, LSB p. 190.*

## **Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11***

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

## **Gospel Reading: *John 12:20-43***

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must

follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. 34 So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" 35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

40 "He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them."

41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 29 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- Apr. 1 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Apr. 2 6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
- Apr. 3 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Tenebrae Vespers)
- Apr. 5 NO Mixed Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Easter Sunday)  
10:45 a.m. NO Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- Apr. 8 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

## Announcements

- Linn Lutheran News:
  - Wed., April 1st - 8:30am at Zion- 1st/2nd grade class leads Chapels. Everyone is invited to attend! No buses!! Everyone at Linn Lutheran needs a sack lunch!!!
  - Thurs., April 2nd - Maundy Thursday, No School-Just Linn Lutheran
  - Fri., April 3rd- Good Friday, No School L.L. or Linn Public
  - Mon., April 6th - No School L.L. or Linn Public
  - Wed., April 8th- 8:30am Chapel at Zion with Pastor Werner
  - Sun., April 12th - Linn Lutheran Science Fair at 2:00pm at Zion Basement! Come see 1st-8th grade science boards & experiments!

*Behold, your king is coming to you!*



## As We Gather...

### **The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory**

*"Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey" (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father" (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).*

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