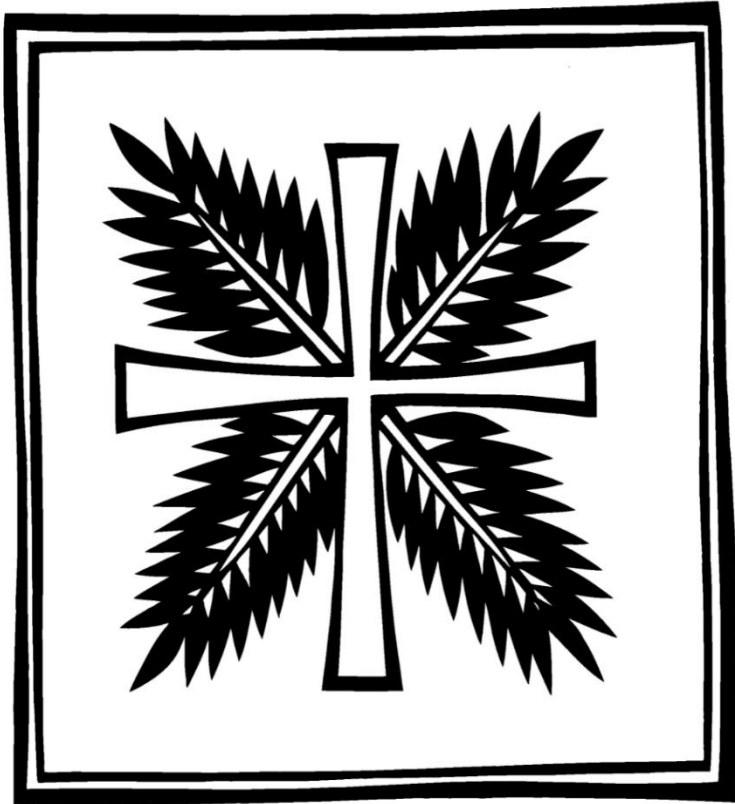


*St. John*  
**Lutheran Church**

Senior Pastor, Robin E. Caldwell  
Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 12TH, 2025 @ 5:30 PM**

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# HOLY WEEK

Order  
Easter Lilies  
at  
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Palm Sunday Worship April 12th, 5:30 pm  
April 13th, 8:30 am\* and 11:00 am  
Maundy Thursday Worship, ft. Agape Meal April 17th, 7:00 pm\*  
Good Friday Worship April 18th, 7:00 pm\*  
*Prayer Vigil follows Worship Sanctuary & Online*  
Easter Saturday Worship April 19th, 5:30 pm  
**Easter Sunday Worship April 20th, 6:30 am\***  
**8:30 am\***  
**11:00 am\***  
*Easter Alleluia Coffee Hour 9:30 - 10:45 am*  
Office Closed April 21st

*Easter*

\* Concurrent Livestream 



*Good Friday - Easter Saturday*

# Prayer Vigil

Sanctuary & YouTube

**Sanctuary: April 18th 8pm - 10pm**  
**YouTube: April 18th-19th 8pm - 9am**



Access the Prayer Vigil YouTube Video Here:



*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*

*The flowers on the altar today are given by the Altar Guild.*

*To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*

## **Worship Leaders – Saturday, April 12, 2025 (5:30 pm)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Kim Jensen
<b>Usher</b>	Steve Volkening
<b>Piano</b>	Susan Yokubonis
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Block-Hay, Wendy Eklund
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Monica Engel, Joan Fry
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Crystal Andel

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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

P On this day, Jesus rode a colt

**C in between the city walls and the Temple,  
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,  
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

P On this day, Jesus rode in between  
what had been and what would be.

**C So may we meet Christ in this middle space,  
and lay down our cloaks on the path in between  
what has been and what will be.**

P Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C Hosanna! May peace meet us and joy overwhelm us! Hosanna!**

### \*Distribution of Palms

*Palms will be distributed during the hymn.  
Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

### \*Processional Hymn

**“Prepare the Royal Highway”**

**# 264, Vs. 1-4**

### \*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

- P Let us pray. Speaking God, we can be inundated with noise and afraid of silence. But, everyday we shift between quiet and sound; silence and shouting. In the midst of it, help us hear the voice of your good news and get caught up in the joy of your great deeds of power, that we may leave behind our fear and receive your peace. In the name of Jesus who leads our way.
- C **Amen.**

## Responsive Reading

## Psalm 31: 9-16

- D A responsive reading from the book of Psalms.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C **Our hearts are open.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.**


I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.  
**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.  
**But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my God."**

My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

- D Word of God, Word of Life!  
C **Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come,  
seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

## \*Gospel

**Luke 19:29-40**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

**\*Hymn of the Day**

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

**# 344, Vs. 1-3**

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## Prayers of the Church

*Grounded in the word and promise of God, the church prays, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, for all the great needs of the world.*

*Your prayer requests may be shared with the pastors or the congregation, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew and placing it in the offering plate, or through the Prayer Request form at [stjohnjoliyet.org](http://stjohnjoliyet.org).*

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Congregation sings this response:*

### **“Let Your Peace Rain Upon Us”**

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**Let Your Peace Rain Upon Us  
O Living God of Peace  
Let your Peace Rain Upon Us  
Lord, fill our hearts with Your Peace**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C **Amen.**

### **\*Sharing the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*You may share the peace of Christ with others.*

*Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

**Ministry Highlight**

*Church Council*

**Offertory**



## **Commitment to Community**

*Lent is a season of returning to God in response to the unearned grace we have received, renewing our commitment to generosity of heart by serving God and the world through prayers, offerings, and acts of kindness.*

*Let us give and live out of generosity, gratitude and grace!*

*Your offering supports many ministries and outreach within the Congregation, in the community, and around the world.*

*The Church council consists of people who are elected by the congregation annually. They are charged with leading us in mission, setting goals, conducting long-range planning, and administering and evaluating our progress. The council works to keep members engaged, supports the pastors and staff, promotes a climate of peace and goodwill among us, living and participating as active examples of faithful leaders.*

*The Church Council and all our ministries are made possible by Jesus and the General Fund, supported by generous people like you. Thank you!*

*Financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests may be placed in the offering plate.*



Now Accepting



## “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

### \*Offertory Prayer

**D** Let us pray. Gracious Provider,  
**C** **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to gather at your table of bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**  
Amen.

### \*Great Thanksgiving

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with  
you. Lift up your hearts. We  
lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

**\*Words of Institution**

## **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**C** 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.**

## **\*Invitation to Communion**

**P** The feast of grace is ready and the table is set for you.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **Distribution**

*We believe Jesus Christ is the host of this table,  
his true presence is in this meal, and you are welcome here!*

*St. John provides introduction to First Communion in the spring to third graders and anyone else who is interested. Younger children typically receive a blessing at the altar rail, but any people with open hands will be offered bread and wine/juice. If you or your child prefer a blessing instead, keep hands folded and head bowed.*

### **Communion Instruction**

- *You will be invited forward by the usher or pastor.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Red wine is on the outer rings of the tray; white grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

*If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, communion pods are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion.*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have  
you are the way of mer-cy and love:  
you call us to the way of your cross:



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Music

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”**

**# 666, Vs. 1-4**

**“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**# 324, Vs. 1-3**

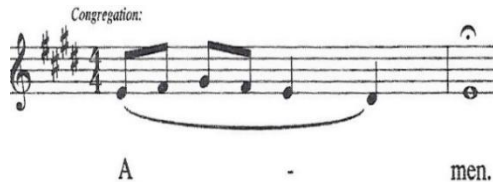
## \*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us out with renewed righteousness and abundant mercy, that your liberating love might nourish the world, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## \*Benediction

**P** As you leave this place,  
May you trust that you are made in the image of God.  
May you live with an open heart, a curious mind,  
and with the faith that you do not go alone.  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



## \*Sending Hymn

# 434, Vs. 1 & 5

### “Jesus Shall Reign”

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**Verse 1** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

**Verse 5** Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our king;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

## \*Sending

**D** Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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**8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL**

# LOCK-IN

**SIGN UP**



**OVERNIGHT AT ST. JOHN**  
**April 25th 6:30 PM to April 26th at 8:00 AM**

Food, Games, & Fellowship

We are collecting adult t-shirts of all colors to reuse and turn into jump ropes that are then given to kids around the world.  
We will be hand making these jump ropes during the Lock-In!



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR YOUTH PROJECT

**We are collecting adult t-shirts of ALL COLORS  
and sizes to reuse and turn into  
braided jump ropes to give to kids worldwide!**

**Drop-off in donation box in the narthex by April 25th**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ERICA SWANSON - 630-802-7466

**SAVE THE DATE**

## 3RD ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

**JUNE 8TH, 2025 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT**

**MORE DETAILS  
TO COME!**



HOSTED BY THE 4:12 MINISTRY

# April

## SUNDAY, APRIL 13

*(Palm Sunday)*

8:30am - 9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am	Beautiful Beginnings: PDO Room
10:00am - 10:45am	Holy Week Sunday School Family Event: Karin Johnson Hall
11:00am - 12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary (Sunday School Sings)
12:15pm - 2:30pm	Tween GO!: Karin Johnson Hall
4:30pm - 7:00pm	Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

## MONDAY, APRIL 14

9:30am - 11:30am	Parent's Day Out
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Staff Meeting: Trinity Room
5:30pm - 8:00pm	A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Handbell Choir: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 8:30pm	Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, APRIL 15

9:30am - 11:30am	Parent's Day Out
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry: Youth Room

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

8:30am - 12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am	Parent's Day Out
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Agape Meal Set Up: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:15pm	Confirmation (Recess)
8:15pm - 9:15pm	High School FIRE (Recess)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 17

*(Maundy Thursday)*

9:00am - 11:30am	Coffee with Friends (Women): Youth Room
9:00am - 1:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am	Parent's Day Out
10:00am - 11:00am	Altar Guild: Nathex
2:00pm - 7:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Property Committee: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm	A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (with Agape Meal) Sanctuary, Trinity Room
8:00pm - 9:00pm	St. John Chorale: Choir Room

## FRIDAY, APRIL 18

*(Good Friday)*

8:30am - 12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:00am - 11:00am	Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am - 10:30am	Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Good Friday Worship: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Prayer Vigil: Sanctuary

## SATURDAY, APRIL 19

7:00am - 11:00am	Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex/Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am - 10:00am	Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
10:00am - 11:30am	Altar Guild Setup: Sanctuary
11:30am - 1:00pm	Praise Team: Sanctuary
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Worship: Sanctuary

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20

*(Easter Sunday)*

6:30am - 7:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
8:30am - 9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am	Alleluia Coffee Hour: Narthex
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School: (Recess)
11:00am - 12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary

**\*Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.**