

A Fast that Feeds

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.**

**Please note that this service is livestreamed
and you may be recorded on video**

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Chorale Fantasia on an Old English Tune

C. H. H. PARRY

Chorale Prelude on "Valet will ich dir geben"

G. F. KAUFFMANN

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Paul Baglyos

*GREETING

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David.

*GOSPEL PROCESSION

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

As music begins, please turn and face the Processional Cross.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*FIRST GLANCE - BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The people raise their palm branches

We praise and thank you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. He entered the Holy City in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his path. Bless these branches and those who carry them. May they be a reminder of Christ's uncompromising love for us. Grant us grace as we follow our Lord in the way of the cross. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


*PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN


All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW HYMN 344


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Mary Robinson

After each petition: Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to scan the QR codes located in the pews in front of you and leave an online offering or you can leave any tithe, offering or connection cards in the collection plates as they are passed around or any located near the exits.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

A Melodious Celebration

M. WESTON

God of Grace and God of Glory

Congregation will stand and sing verse when cued.

***ALL**

Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

***PREFACE**

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

F. M. CHRISTIANSEN

*Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer, Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken: Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW HYMN 264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Music continues on next page...



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW HYMN 339



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God of our salvation,

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBURN
ELW HYMN 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

*SUNG TABLE GRACE

Be Present at our Table, Lord

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we may strengthened for thy service be. Amen.*

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live **God's love in the world**

POSTLUDE

Festal Flouish

G. JACOB

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

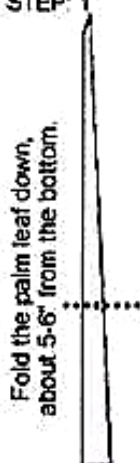


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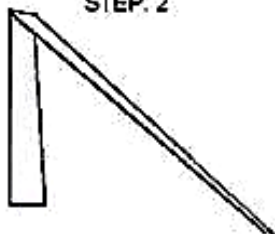
Diagram - How to Make a Palm Cross

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.

STEP: 1



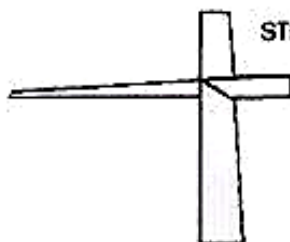
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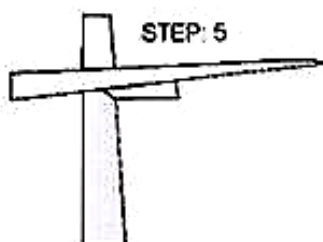
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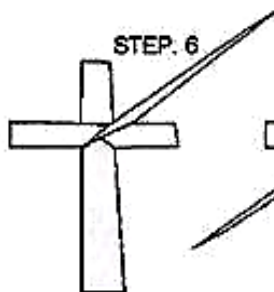
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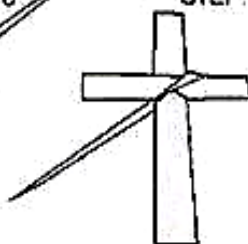
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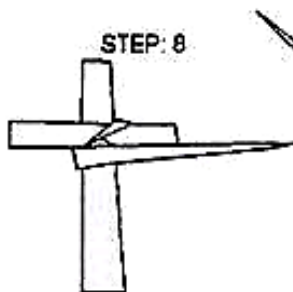
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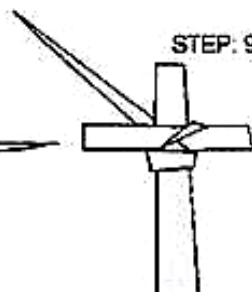
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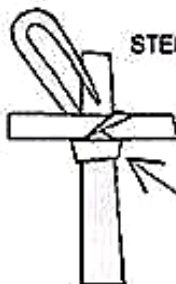
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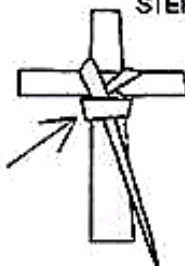


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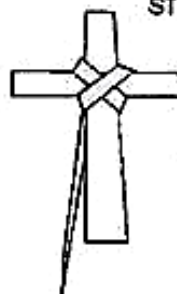


Tuck in the tapered end of the palm leaf and pull it through.

STEP: 11



STEP: 12



Turn the cross over. This is the front view.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Preacher	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister	Mary Robinson
Lector	Leah Lind
Organ	David Link
Piano	Steven Johnson
Trombone	Mitch Evett
Choir of St. John's	
St. John's Handbell Choir	
Cantors in Rotation	Alice Anderson, Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Kitty Oppliger, Eliseo Paniagua
Accompaniers	Dan Maloney, Micah Metts-Houston, Eric Webb
Altar Guild	Jennifer Ehrhardt, Anne Smith
Eucharistic Servers	Leah Lind, Catherine Woodbridge
Greeters	Ellen Chrismer, Sally Day
Ushers	Gwynnae Byrd, Steve Schoff
Audio/Video Technicians	John Bologni/Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Missional Strategy	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Administration	Katherine Thorp
Associate Director of Volunteer Management	Joel Barkel
Associate Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Property Staff	Matt Balara, Joe Allen, Nathan McQueen
Congregational Care Coordinator	Suzi Taylor, Parish Nurse
Bridge Organist	Dan Nguyen
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Holy Week Day Camp
Monday, March 30th - Wednesday, April 1st | 8:30-3 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
Registration for Holy Week Day Camp is LIVE! Youth in kindergarten through seniors in high school are invited to join us all or part of the first three days of Holy Week from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. These three days will be full of fun, friendship building, faith building, and a look at the meaning of Holy Week together. This is free of cost, register online today!
- Holy Week 2026
Monday, March 30th - Wednesday, April 1st | 8:30-3 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
Throughout Holy Week, we invite you to join the St. John's community as we witness Jesus' final supper on Maundy Thursday (7* p.m.), betrayal and crucifixion on Good Friday (7* p.m.), God's baptismal promise and salvation on Saturday's Vigil (7* p.m.), and the ultimate resurrection on Easter Sunday (6:30, 8:30*, 10:30 a.m.).
**Indicates our livestream services.*
- Young Adults Rivercats Game
Thursday, April 9th | 6 p.m. | Sutter Health Park
The Young Adults in their 20s and 30s of St. John's are heading to a Rivercats Game! We'll gather at Sutter Health Park at 6 p.m. with the game beginning at 6:45 p.m. You can purchase your General Admission Lawn ticket online for \$11.50. Kids are always welcome!
- April LLL Book Club
Thursday, April 16th | 11 a.m. | St. John's Library
The LLL Book Club will gather in April to discuss *One Amazing Thing* by Chitra Divakaruni. This book shares about "nine strangers trapped in an Indian consulate's visa office after an earthquake, who pass the time by sharing personal stories of 'one amazing thing' from their lives, revealing their diverse backgrounds and the universal power of storytelling."

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch | 10:15 a.m. | The Gathering Place
The beloved Palm Sunday Potluck is today! Come enjoy a potluck brunch between worship services as we welcome Holy Week.