

***Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace
and the Means for His Work***

Worship 144; 111 LS ABC: 34 SST: 6 YSS: 21

	<u>LW</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
Church Offerings	\$6,179.25	\$208,628.40	\$272,697.20
St. John LES Tuition	\$0	\$28,500	\$53,846
Synod / Missions	\$271	\$11,445.49	\$13,846
Fox Valley Luth. HS	\$260	\$7,855	\$7,692.40

The Week+ Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

Today (9th)	7:45 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus' Crucifixion) Adult Bible Class (Welcoming Worship)
	10:15 am	Worship
Tue (11th)	11:20 am	Education Q&A
	11:30 am	Senior Luncheon
Wed (12th)	3:30 pm	6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thu (13th)	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Holy Communion
Fri (14th)	1:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
	7:30 pm	Good Friday Worship (<i>Tenebrae</i>)
Sun (16th)	6:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service w/ Holy Communion
	7:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 am	Easter Festival Service w/ Holy Communion
Mon (17th)	7:30 pm	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Fri (21st)	6:30 pm	St. John Night at the Timber Rattlers (order tickets by 4/14)
Sat (22nd)	9:00 am	LWMS Rally (at Martin Luther, Neenah)

News & Notes

A Huge "Thank You!"
 ... to all those who helped out during the church "spruce-up day" last weekend!
 ...to all who helped pass out 1,000 Easter cards in our neighborhood!

Nominations for Apr 17th Voters Meeting Elections
 Church President:
 Recording Secretary: Bart Reschke, Don Zittlow
 Elders (2): Tom Kussow, Dale Laabs, Perry Schisel
 Board of Ed (2): Andrew DeMerritt, Troy Schisel, Carl Uitenbroek

**Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017**



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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

	7:45	10:15
Greeters:	Jean Brandt Marna Johns Lynn Zirbel	Karen Geiger Judy Wicker Courtney & Heather
Ushers:	Gary Brandt Jack Zirbel Andy Vickman Terry Schaeuble Loree Baumgartener	Mike Geiger Roy Schisel Perry Schisel Reece Schisel Troy Schisel
PowerPoint:	Amy Vande Hey	Rebecca Wicks
Altar Guild:	Lou Ann Beard, Mary Fritsch, Aura Gehl	

Thanksgiving

Thank-Offering / LES (4th-8th) Hand Chimes....."All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide.
Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Adult Choir....."On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem"

Closing Prayer and Blessing

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.



Closing Hymn....."Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (CW 130)

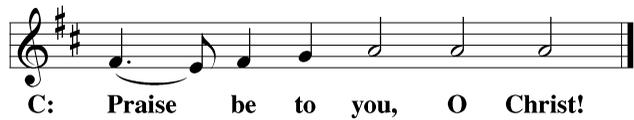
Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

came not to rule us, but to save us. He came, not to command us, but to invite us. He came not to demand anything from us, but to give everything for us. He comes in the name of the Lord to save us. Hail him!

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.



Hymn of the Day.....“*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*” (CW 133)

Sermon **Matthew 21:1-11**

Hosanna in the Highest!

The 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.

Service Theme for Palm Sunday: Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ’s glory had come (Verse of the Day). He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God’s mission to save mankind.

Service of the Word

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God’s Word, and believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Adult Choir..... “*Prepare Ye*”

Opening Hymn.....“*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*” (CW 230)

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.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

