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AS WE GATHER --- Today we enter the Great and Holy Week of our faith, the very heart and center of God's greatest act since the Creation itself—the salvation of mankind by the overthrow of sin, death, and the devil, and the restoration of all creation through the power of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. As we join the crowds welcoming Jesus, the one who comes in the name of the Lord, we plan to get swept up in the drama of the story many know so well.

Peter wrote, "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13). On this day "preparing [our] minds for action" makes us as contemplate and consider what was in the mind of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem to the cheers of adults and children waving palms and shouting praise. What was our Lord thinking as He gathered His disciples for the Last Supper of Passover? As He prayed in Gethsemane's garden? When He was arrested, falsely tried, beaten, abused, and sentenced to death by crucifixion? What was in the Savior's mind as He hung on that cross? For the obvious impossibility of our ability to know the depths of the God who says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways" (Isaiah 55:8), there is one thing we can know for sure—He had you in mind. We know that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16).

The Mind of Christ

SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY

The Liturgist/Preacher	Pastor Kenton Abbott
The Organist	Jonell Niles
Elders	8:00 Todd Heitschmidt 10:45 Kurt Rugan
Altar Guild	Diana Soeken, Joan Panning, Teresa Sieker, Karen Sessler
Lectors	8:00 Dan Soeken 10:45 Jackie Cook
Counters	Bill & Jackie Cook, Amanda Proffitt
Ushers	8:00 Chad Ringwald 10:45 Caleb Hirsch

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

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 of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily 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, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder. A non alcoholic wine will be served in the center of the communion trays. It will be the light colored glass.

- Sun (29) *Palm Sunday*
8:00am - Worship w/C
9:15am - Sunday School
9:30am - Adult Bible Class
9:30am - Choir Practice
9:45am - THE WORD on KVGB
10:45am - Worship w/C
- Tues (31) 6:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Tues. Women's Bible Study
- Thur (2) *Maundy Thursday*
7:30pm - Worship w/C
- Fri (3) *Good Friday*
5:30-7:45pm - Prayer Vigil (Adult SS room)
8:00pm - Tenebrae Service
- Sun (5) *Easter Sunday*
7:00am - Worship w/C
8:30am - Youth Breakfast
9:00am - Family Sunday School
9:30am - Easter Egg Hunt
9:45am - THE WORD on KVGB
10:45am - Worship w/C



St. John Lutheran Church



Thank you to everyone who helped with various events by making delicious food, moving and setting up tables, and everything else that you do behind the scenes to make events special.

Upcoming activities for Lutheran Women in Mission/ LWML include:

LWML Smorgasbord—April 4/26 6pm
Special Speaker: Janna Weber
Bring favorite dish and recipe to share.
All are welcome!

EFF Coupons, EPPI Gift Cards, Wal-Mart cards and SCRIP gift cards are available at the church office.

Have a prayer request?
Check out our website to submit your prayer request and we will get it in the next bulletin/newsletter or email :
info@stjohnellinwood.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Divine Service, Setting 4

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION
(Insert)

COLLECT PRAYER

OT READING

EPISTLE READING

CHOIR - "Hosanna to the King of David"

HOLY GOSPEL

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY #442

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY #805

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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BENEDICTION P.212

CLOSING HYMN #444



Pastor Weaver's Acceptance Letter

February 14, 2026

Members of St. John Lutheran Church in Ellinwood, Kansas,

Grace, Mercy and Peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am writing this letter to you to inform you of my decision concerning your call to be the Senior Pastor at St. John. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to come and visit and giving me the time that I needed to discuss this call with my family and to pray for wisdom concerning where my ministry would be most beneficial for the Lord's Church.

This past week I read a Bible verse that struck me as an appropriate one to share with you. It comes from the Gospel of Saint Mark and says, "And [Jesus] said to them, 'Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also...'" (Mark 1:38). I share this verse with you because I believe that God has worked through St. John Lutheran Church to call me to a new town where I can preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments as an under shepherd of the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. I am officially accepting the call as Senior Pastor to St. John Lutheran Church in Ellinwood, Kansas.

I am looking forward to working with the congregation and with Pastor Abbott and with the community. I ask for your prayers for my family and me as we prepare for and move to Ellinwood. Also please keep Trinity Lutheran Church in Stewardson in your prayers as they begin the process of looking for and calling their next pastor. I will continue to pray for St. John and God's work through you.

I am looking forward to moving to Ellinwood and beginning my ministry among you. Over the next few weeks, we will work together to make plans concerning my move and the start of my ministry to the members of St. John Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

Rev. David J Weaver

1st Corinthians 16:13-14

Pastor Weaver Installation Service

Pastor Weaver's Installation will be on Sunday April 12, 2026 at 3:00pm. Mark your calendars!



PRAY, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Our prayer life is a very important part of our Christian walk. The Lord seeks and hears our prayers.

Please remember the following persons and petitions in your daily prayer life:

Sunday, March 29, 2026

For Healing:

Milton Schwertfeger, Nancy Kizzar, Shara Stettinger, Teresa Sieker, Eddie Divine, Gayle Christie, Althea Mai, Bob Long, Christine Nemnich (Nickie Isern's mom), Beth Ringwald, Melvin Birzer (Connie Miller's brother), Jeanette Diederich (Annette's mom), Leon Sobba, Devontay (Amber Rugan's nephew), Catherine Hammeke

For Protection:

For Nathan James during his deployment to the Middle East.

For Shut-Ins:

Milton & Delores Schwertfeger, Phyllis Miller, Don Schlaht, Normalee Isern, Lylas Schultz

Celebrating Birthdays:

(29) Sheila Rugan (1) Skye Feldoman (4) Troy Moore, Devin Moos

Celebrating Anniversaries

(31) Doug & Nancy Kizzar, Mike & Stephanie Moos

(1) Joe & Lorene Rajewsky

Lenten Offerings

Lenten Offerings this year will go to:

St. John's CDC ☑	Ellinwood Area Churches
Lead-A-Child	Keren - Comfort Dog (Ellsworth)

Giving: Received	\$58,945.86 (2/28/2026)
Needed per week:	\$7,422.33
Over-Under	(\$432.76)

**If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list,*

check out our website to submit your prayer request and we will get it in the next bulletin/newsletter @



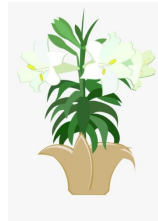
March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday

Installation Meal

We will have a meal following Pastor Weaver's installation on Sunday April 12th. Brisket (and one big cake) will be provided but we are looking for volunteers to bring potatoes, sides, salads and other desserts. There will be a sign-up on the bulletin board at the back of church in the coming weeks, so please take time to check it out.

Easter Lily

If you signed up to help decorate the altar for Easter with an Easter Lily, a payment slip has been put into your box. Please make your check payable to the St. John Lutheran Altar Guild and place in Jonell's box. Lilies may be taken home after the 10:45 service on Easter Sunday (4/5).



Easter Egg Preparation

We are looking for youth of ALL ages (adults too!) to come help stuff easter eggs with candy. The plan is to begin filling them at 10:30am on Friday, April 3rd in the Youth Center. Lunch will be provided.

Let Us **Egg Your Yard**
To Raise Money
For:
St. John's CDC

\$25	\$35	\$45
25 EGGS	50 EGGS	75 EGGS

**EGGING CAN BE DONE (AFTER DARK):
FRIDAY APRIL 3RD
OR SATURDAY APRIL 4TH**

To Place An Order:
Venmo: @Tiffany-Jenks-1
Cash App: \$AislinnSanchez
Paypal: @TiffanyJenks1
Check/Cash (Make checks out to St. John's CDC)

**** ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST ****

Got Questions? Call or Text
Tiffany @ 16205667075
St. John's Cdc @ 16205642885

PIC-COLLAGES

LCMS Stewardship Minute - Mar. 29th—Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in helping adorn the altar with flowers (after the Lenten season) please sign up on the sheet by the mailboxes at the back of church.



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday: 7:30pm - Worship Service w/C

Good Friday: 8:00pm Worship Service

Easter Sunday: 7:00am Sunrise Service w/C

8:30 Youth's Easter Breakfast

9:00am Family Sunday School

9:30am Easter Egg Hunt

10:45am Easter Service w/C



Prayer Vigil

On Friday, April 3rd there will be a Self-Guided Walking Prayer Vigil (in the Adult Sunday School Room) from 5pm-7:45pm prior to the Tenebrae Service.

Hosanna to the Son of David
By Larry Shackley

Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna to the Promised One.
Hosanna to the great Messiah; blessed is He who comes in the name of
the Lord.

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Hosanna to the great Messiah; blessed is He who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Behold the great procession, with Jesus at the head.
Your longed for King is coming, just as the prophets said.
Astride a humble donkey, He moves on through the crowd.
They line the road with branches, and shout their praise aloud.

Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna to the Promised One.
Hosanna to the great Messiah; blessed is He who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Prepare the way before Him, and lay your branches down;
Messiah comes to save us and claim His victor's crown.
The company of angels is praising Him on high, and we, with all creation
together make reply.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the great Messiah;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!



St. John Lutheran Youth's

Easter Breakfast

APRIL 5TH

Easter Breakfast Includes:

BREAKFAST CASSEROLES

COFFEE CAKES

FRUIT SALAD

JUICE & COFFEE

**BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 8:30AM
FOLLOWING THE SUNRISE SERVICE**

St. John Youth Center

