

MARCH 29, 2026

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



MEDITATION

John 12:12-19

If you have ever taken a road trip, you know the feeling of finally pulling out of the driveway and those first few moments when you begin to drive down the road. The bags are all packed and loaded up, inside the house the trash is taken out and the doors locked, in the car everyone is present and accounted for. After all the planning and preparation it is now time to begin taking the trip you have been looking forward to for weeks or even months. You have an idea of what you will be doing, you may have even taken this exact trip many times, but you are still filled with a sense of eager anticipation and you begin to put miles between you and your home, between you and the ordinary.

As we come today to the beginning of Holy Week, we have this same sort of feeling all around us. This week, and all the things we will see Jesus do in it have been planned by God for generations and centuries. Jesus had come when everything was right and in the fullness of time, Jesus grew up and taught, performed miracles, and even raised the dead. But there was one more important thing He had to do, the impact of which we still feel today. He had to make one final trip to Jerusalem and die, just as God had planned from the beginning of time. Luke 9:51 puts it this way, "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." So Jesus went, and we follow along with Him on this journey.

And although we know this journey, and have likely taken it many times before, we come to it again this year filled with humility, awe, and a profound sense of thanksgiving for all Jesus has done for us. And like all good road trips, we don't do it alone. Instead we join together with Christians from around the world, and especially those here at St. John's, as together, we join Jesus for a remarkable week, following Him to along palm branch strewn streets, to upper rooms, and eventually outside the city walls to a place of death so that we can see through Him, the life we now have through Him.

PRAYER

Almighty God, have us set our eyes and hearts to Jerusalem along with Jesus this week that we may see in Him Your great love for us. Amen.

Pastor Barry

THIS WEEK

Sunday - March 29

Palm Sunday Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Education Hour 9:30am

Monday - March 30

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

Monday Night Meal 5:15pm

AA 7:00pm

Thursday - April 2

Maundy Thursday Worship 4:15/7:00pm

Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 8:00pm

Friday - April 3

Good Friday Worship

- Readings & Hymns Service 10:00am

- Tenebrae Service of Darkness 7:00pm

AA 6:30pm

Sunday - April 5

Easter Sunday Worship

- Easter Sunrise Service 7:00am

- Easter Celebration Services 8:30/10am

NO EDUCATION HOUR



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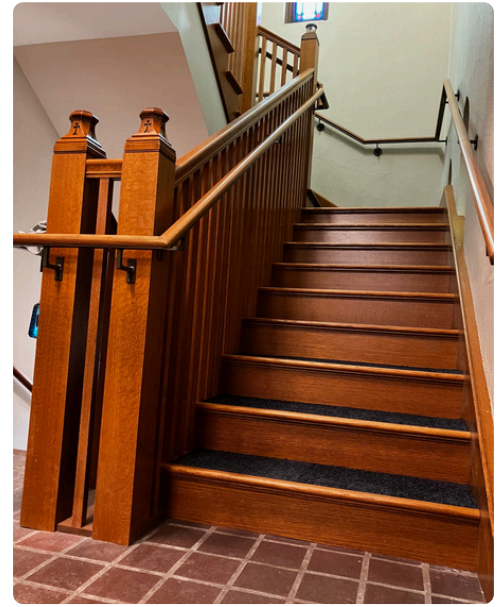
Construction Update



The installation of the organ is progressing. This photo of the organ chamber shows the wood “shades”, that are opened and closed by the organist, to control the volume and provide effect.



To make room in the chamber for the organ, the blower assembly is located next door in Classroom 200. Wooden wind lines act as ducts to channel wind from the blower to the pipes and back. After it is complete, an enclosure will be built around the blower assembly.



The new stairway to the balcony is finished and provides a much safer, more stable way to access the space than the previous winding stairs.

Church Softball Team Leader Needed

Help keep St. John’s softball going strong this summer! As current team leader Chad Reisner steps down, we are looking for someone to help coordinate communication, encourage participation, and handle a few administrative details so this fun summer activity can continue. Our co-ed team plays Monday nights from June through mid-August at Chaska Rec Park and is open to ages 16 and up, with all skill levels welcome. If you are interested in this leadership role, please contact the Church Office or Chad Reisner at cmreisner@gmail.com or 763-442-7734.

Ladies Aid Meeting Cancelled

Please note that the Thursday, April 2 Ladies Aid meeting has been cancelled due to Holy Week and Maundy Thursday. We look forward to gathering again at the next meeting!

Watch the St. John’s Boys Basketball Team at Nationals | March 27th-29th

Watch the St. John’s Boys Basketball Team by visiting LBAA.org. Brackets, game times, live and recorded games are available on the website.

Nominations Open for 2026–27 Leadership

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations from the congregation for officers and board chairs for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Elections will be held at the June Voters’ Assembly. Nominations remain open for the Board of Outreach and Board of Stewardship. Nominations for Elders are also being accepted. Forms are available in the Church Office and may be submitted to Todd Degler or dropped off at the office. **Deadline: April 15, 2026**

HOLY WEEK *at* ST. JOHN'S

PALM SUNDAY

March 29

8:00 • 9:30 • 10:45 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2

4:15 • 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

10:00 AM • 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 | 7:00 • 8:30 • 10:00 AM

Watch services live at stjohnschaska.org

SANCTUARY CLEANING DAY

Monday, April 6, 2026

9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Adult volunteers only

Help us prepare the Sanctuary for our return! No experience needed. **Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.**



MONDAY NIGHT MEAL FUNDRAISER AT CULVER'S



Join the Monday Night Meal Team at Culver's in Chaska
Tuesday, April 7 | 5–8 PM
10% of sales support the ministry

Scan the QR code to donate directly.



SPRING FUNDRAISER

February 26th - April 2nd

Scan the QR code for information on how to place your order!



RAISING CHRISTIANS IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

A 6-Week Parent Study
Sundays | April 12 – May 17
9:30 – 10:30 AM | Room B02



Scan for details & to sign up!



Circles of Love

MARY MARTHA GUILD
LADIES LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 11:30 AM
St. John's Lutheran Church, Chaska

Reserve Your Spot

Tickets: \$20

Call Karen: 952-448-4875 or

Email: mmg@stjohns-chaska.org

Event Highlights

- Music by Allen Carlson
- Salad bar lunch
- Beautiful themed tables

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:00/9:30/10:45am in the Gymnasium
(Livestream at the 8:00am Service)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

***Special Good Friday Hours:**

Friday, April 3rd | 8:00am-12:00pm

Want to receive the Weekly Word and church communications by email?

Contact churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or call the church office.



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering and main level common areas or by going to www.stjohnschaska.org and clicking on "Prayer Request" under "Resources". You can also contact the church office: email: churchoffice@stjohnschaska.org or by phone 952-448-2433

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/30

Ashlee Bahl

3/31

Evan Siegle
Martin Sihombing

4/1

Lynn Hennen
Becky Herreid
Karl Wachter

4/2

Caden Gilmore
Brandon Olson
Elise Wercinski

4/3

Logan Anderson
Nate Goltz

4/3

Kinsley Siegle
Kenna Siegle
Emily Watry

4/4

David Heacock
Dennis Larson
Drew Pandolfo

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Stephen Wetzell
Anne Dutcher
Brody Miller

Tim Laubach
Sandra Lovan
Lois Wenz
Steve Lenzen

Mary Swanson
Pastor Al Holthus
Jolene Berg



EXPECTANT MOMS

Christina Krueger
Clara Crawley-Reid
Brittany Thormodson
Brenda Simpson
Kourtney Vipond

IN THANKSGIVING

The birth of a son, Wesley, to Tanner and Izzy King.

The Wedding of Bill and Allison Walters.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

4/2 - Mike and Jessica Johnshoy
4/3 - Mark and Missy Young
4/4 - Tim and Darlene Peterson
4/4 - Spencer and Alexis Roxas

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Merlin Bentz
Jack Boman
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver

Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis
Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Ruth Harms

Eugene Henke
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen
Tracy Koepsell
Gretchen Laubach
Marilyn Lenzen

Melinda Meuwissen
Steve Pond
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler