

**HAPPY
EASTER!**

**Thanks for
joining us!**



Wandering Heart

"And I hope"

OUR MISSION

Reaching out to the community to share the Gospel through faith, fellowship, and service.

OUR VISION

Become the visible presence of Christ in this community

EASTER FESTIVAL
MARCH 31, 2024
10:00 AM

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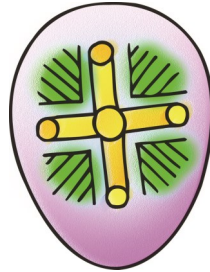
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you are here! May this be a holy time for you to offer your praise to God as well as receive God's grace through word, sacrament, song, and prayer.

For those worshipping here in person, please fill out the Connect Card that you have and leave it in the offering plate. For those who are worshipping with us online, we would invite you to share that you are watching via Facebook or YouTube comments.

You may contact Françoise our church Office Administrator at fdutil@stmarks.ws or email Pastor Mericle directly, pastorjim@stmarkshh.com.

If you have questions, about the service or St. Mark's, please do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers.



HAPPY EASTER!

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Rev. James Mericle

WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson

LECTOR: Dan O' Connell

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Cinthya Sotelo

ALTAR GUILD: Janna Barnhart, Lee Uhl, Lynn Yann

TECH: Chris Birtja, Steven Chou

CO-DIRECTORS OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

Last Sundays'
Attendance

150 in-person
45 online

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+ indicates to stand as you are able. If it is difficult for you to stand, please feel free to stay seated or sit back down at any time.



EASTER GARDEN LILIES

If you made a donation to the Easter Garden please pick up an Easter Lily with your last name on it after the service. We will be taking Easter Lilies to our shut-ins after service, so please leave any without names on the altar. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

On behalf of SML Sunday School teachers Gwen Andrizzi and Betty Castaneda, we would like to thank the SML church volunteers and all who helped to make a successful Palm Sunday celebration and egg hunt for approximately 100 children. We wish to thank the congregation for generously filling over 1000 eggs with candy, coins, stickers. And Wilson High Pre-Medical Club Volunteers who stuffed 800 eggs and volunteered on March 24, 2024 to hide eggs and decorate. It takes many volunteers to conduct egg hunts in two locations: Pre-school and the track and lower field. On Palm Sunday at 8:30 we were pleased to have help setting up from Kristin Do, Stephanie Bang, Blake Do, Garrett Birtja, Sawyer Birtja, Christine Birtja, Rylee Birtja, Frank Winn, Phil Barnhart, and 10 Wilson High Volunteers: headed by Hedy Yang. Our gratitude to Carolyn Colossi for preparing the newsletter invitations to SML Pre-school and school, setting up the Photo Booth, and to Carolyn Colossi and the Rosentreter for the donation of plastic eggs. Thanks also goes to Mary Rosentreter and Terry Van Riper for taking photographs. After church, children and parents were invited to receive a short lesson about Holy Week, egg hunt fun and distribution of treats and prizes. Elementary students also re-enacted a Palm Sunday parade. Thanks to all the volunteers diligence, everything was cleaned up. We are SO grateful to St. Mark's volunteers and the Wilson volunteers for a successful event.

SOCIAL MINITIRES

In April and May, our committee will be working with the Lions Club of Whittier to collect prescription glasses and sunglasses that are in good condition (not broken) for those in need in our community. Once a year they have a group of optometrists who come and give free eye exams and give them glasses that fit their prescription.



Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

PRELUDE

UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

HYMN

**Were You There
Stanzas 1 & 4**

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- + EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP
Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.
But not today.
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.
We have a reason to hope.
We have a reason to sing!
Alleluia!
Christ is risen today.

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

ELW 365

+ WELCOME & GREETING

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+ EASTER GATHERING HYMN **The Lion and the Lamb**

Projection Screen

+ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)*

God of new beginnings,

On that first Easter morning, the disciples struggled to hear the good news. Doubt clouded their minds. Negativity took root and hope vanished with a simple shake of their heads. As we return to this familiar text, help us to hear differently this morning. Open our ears that we might hear the sound of Alleluias ringing through this text.

Open up our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter might feel within reach. Open up our hearts that we might believe the unbelievable. And like Peter, in this hearing, may we move closer to you. God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news. Speak to us now. With hope in our hearts we listen and we pray, amen.

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READING *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ ANTHEM *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Cinthya Sotelo*

+ GOSPEL *Luke 24:1-12*
The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *And I Hope* *Pastor James Mericle*

+ HYMN OF THE DAY **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **ELW 807**

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*

+ PEACE *Projection Screen*

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OFFERING *Savior, King!*
Children's Choir

+ OFFERTORY **Thine Is the Glory** **ELW 376**

+ OFFERING PRAYER *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Projection Screen*

+ INVITATION TO THE TABLE *Projection Screen*

+ WORD OF INSTITUTION *Projection Screen*

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS **Christ the Lord is Risen Today!** **ELW 373**
Stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5
One Bread, One Body **ELW 496**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Meal + **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ BENEDICTION *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING SONG **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** **ELW 367**

+ BLESSING & DISMISSAL *Projection Screen*

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Krystal Barnhart; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; George Trapani (Sharon Heck son-in-law) - medical issues; Hugo Hsu-Chen - recovery from surgery; Eugene Reitz; Christa Schroeder - recovery of knee surgery; Anna Guerriero - heart valve repair; Christy Zapfel - heart ablation; Robert Ballister (Francoise's friend) - heart valve repair
ILLNESS: Pat Dickerman - cancer; Bob Mericle - lung cancer; Robert Dutil - dementia, neck pain, headaches & PTSD; Erin Taylor (Nathan Magdaleno's friend) - ALS; Charlotte Fugate (friend of Aaron Figueroa) - Alzheimer's; Darlene Corgan (Mary Rosentreter's sister) - liver transplant, cancer; Spencer Pounds - kidney failure (Dan O'Connell's friends son); Kenna Dutil-Baker - asthma; Dick Batchelor (Norm's brother-in-law) - pneumonia complications
TREATMENTS: Daniella Escalante - cancer, surgery; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique's mom) - cancer ; Bill McDonnell (Krista Guerrero's boss) - prostate cancer; Christine Tseng (friend of Chou family) - cancer; Marty Green -Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero) - cancer; Sue Ferrini (St. Mark's teacher) - cancer **SURGERY:** Julie Barbosa - breast cancer surgery (Tracy Nishizu's cousin) **HOSPICE:** Faye Heinrich; Tom O'Connell (Dan O'Connell's brother)