

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is a time for hope and rejoicing!

Join Us **Palm Sunday Service**
March 24th, 10:00 am

-EGG HUNT IS AFTER CHURCH SERVICE
(APPROX. 11:00 AM)

- Parents are required to attend
- MEET on concrete deck below church patio
- Ages Preschool through 6th. Grade



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

10:00 AM—WORSHIP BEGINS ON THE LOWER PATIO WITH
PALM PROCESSION
AFTER SERVICE—EASTER EGG HUNT

MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28th

6:30 PM WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SANCTUARY - NOON to 3:00 PM
6:30 PM SERVICE

EASTER, MARCH 31st

SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30 AM (Fire pit)
FESTIVAL - 10:00 AM

Wandering Heart

"I'm fixed upon it"

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 10, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

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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 received 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 by making a comment.

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.

We welcome to worship this morning our first graders and their families.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: The Reverend James Mericle

WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Yann, Janna Barnhart, Lee Uhl

LECTOR: Shand Garrett

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Sandy Carbajal

TECH: Dan O'Connell, Shand Garrett

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHER: Frank Winn

USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Dan Guerrero, Steven Chou

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

Last Sundays' Attendance 100 in-person 46 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 EGGS

As in the past, we appreciate SML members donating candy and filling the eggs for our Egg Hunt, which will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th, following our church service. There will be empty plastic eggs available in the church office and the Narthex. Please fill them with wrapped "unmeltable" candy, coins, or safe toys, and return the eggs by Wednesday, March 20th to the church. You may donate other filled eggs as well. **Please put the total of filled eggs you are donating on the bag. Thank you.**



LENTEN DINNER 2024 **SERVING 5:30-6:15 P.M.**

Here is the schedule for Lenten Dinners starting with Ash Wednesday.

Please note the dinner service time. **We also need help serving.**

A dinner sign-up sheet will be available every Sunday for the dinner on the following Wednesday. Please sign up or call the church office if you are planning on coming to the dinner that week. It would be a great help for us in planning the meals.

Suggested donation for the meal is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family.

Wednesday, March 13th

Meal - 5:30 PM - Service 6:30 PM

Phil and Janna Barnhart with Marian Locke

Hearty Cream of Chicken Soup with vegetables

Green Salad and bread

Wednesday, March 20th

Meal - 5:30 PM - Service 6:30 PM

Lynn Yann and Mary Rosentreter

Soup TBA and salad

OFFERINGS: You can give by text to St. Mark's Church. Just text Stmarksgive to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive. Zelle is a way to give with no fees. Just go to your online banking, find your access to Zelle, and type in church@stmarks.ws and follow the instructions. We thank you for your generosity.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Is your child or are you interested in learning about Holy Communion? Come to our two week classes on Wednesdays, March 13th and 20th from 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM. The class includes dinner and worship. We will meet at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall and have our class over Lenten dinner. Then we will go to the half-hour Lenten worship together. For those who wish to receive First Communion (you will need to be baptized first), we will have a blessing and the receiving of First Communion at the Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 pm.

OUT TO LUNCH: Join us for lunch at Panera Puente Hills for lunch at 1:00 p.m. following Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 29th.

EASTER GARDEN: St. Mark's continues its tradition of providing an Easter gift for a special need. This year we are supporting "ELCA WATER GIFTS." Checks can be made out to St. Mark's Church with a note "Easter Garden." These gifts may be given "in memory of" or "in honor of" and will be published as an insert for our Easter bulletins. The Easter Garden envelopes will be in the Narthex. You may place them in the offering basket, or if you are unable to attend in person, please email your dedication to church@stmarks.ws and mail your donation to the church office. The first 25 dedications to the Easter Garden will be able to take home an Easter Lily from the altar after 10:00 a.m. service. Your name will be on your flowerpot. The remaining lilies will be taken to our shut-ins.

We have set a goal of \$1,000.00 to raise awareness and funds for different water projects worldwide. \$250.00 would purchase a share of a safe water well/water point. \$150.00 would build a community latrine with training for maintenance and hygiene. \$100.00 would provide farmers around the world with water for planting and irrigation projects. \$30.00 would purchase a ceramic water filter that is capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals. \$25.00 for a hygiene kit that provides sanitation supplies and education for households, schools, clinics and other public spaces. We will combine all Easter Garden offerings and apply to as many water projects as we can.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to help others not as fortunate as ourselves with access to clean and safe water. DEDICATIONS MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY March 24th.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS : Join us in prayer as we walk the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 29th at 12:00 PM . We will meet in the parking lot at the foot of the stairs. We will start our prayer journey together, weather permitting. We will stop at each station ending in our sanctuary at the foot of the cross, where Pastor Jim will close with prayer. We will have a sign - up sheet for readings at each station. We will email your reading to you prior to Good Friday so you can be ready. Sign- up with Kim Winn or Mary Rosentreter. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help with the Egg Hunt, please contact Betty Castaneda, 213-718-9855, betts1932@gmail.com or leave your name and email at the church office.



Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

PRELUDE *Projection Screen*

+ GATHERING HYMN **Come, Now is the Time to Worship** *Projection Screen*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *Projection Screen*

+ WELCOME HYMN **Jesus Messiah** *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us pray together.

Listening God,

If we could attach ourselves to you, we would. We would scribble your scripture onto our tender hearts. We would weave your good news into the fiber of our being. We would bind ourselves to you, but instead, we wander. Instead of attaching ourselves to you, we find ourselves swept up in the business of the day. Like a seesaw of faithfulness, we move back and forth, up and down, constantly trying to find you in the midst of it all. So speak clearly to us now. Quiet the distractions long enough for us to affix ourselves to your good news. We are listening. We are hungry. We are hopeful. Amen.

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- READING *Psalm 107, 1-3, 17-22*
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- ANTHEM *As Moses Raised the Serpent Up*
First grade students
- CHILDREN'S SERMON *Sandy Carbajal*
- GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21-23*
 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
- MESSAGE *I'm Fixed Upon It* *Pastor Mericle*
- + HYMN OF THE DAY **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **ELW 807**
- + APOSTLES' CREED *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + **Thanksgiving** + Sending

- PEACE
- + OFFERTORY *Peace Like a River*
First grade students
- + OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Create in Me a Clean Heart** **ELW 186**
- + OFFERTORY PRAYER *Projection Screen*
- + PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Projection Screen*
- + PRAYERS OF CONFESSION *Projection Screen*
- + LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving+ **Sending**

- ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*
- + BLESSING *Projection Screen*
- + SENDING HYMN **Be Thou My Vision** **ELW 793**

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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 - fall, home; Christa Schroeder - recovery of knee surgery; Anna Guerriero - heart valve repair; 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) **TREATMENTS:** Daniella Escalante - cancer treatments, surgery; Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique's mom) - cancer treatments; Bill McDonnell (Krista Guerrero's boss) - prostate cancer; Christine Tseng (friend of Chou family) - cancer treatments; Marty Green -Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero) - cancer treatments **SURGERY:** Christy Zapfel - heart ablation; Julie Barbosa - breast cancer surgery (Tracy Nishizu's cousin) **HOSPICE:** Faye Heinrich; Tom O'Connell (Dan O'Connell's brother)

ZOOM BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR JIM ON TUESDAYS: Tuesday from 11:00 A.M. - Noon. Tuesday evening 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Revelation chapter 13.

NEW HORIZONS needs breakfast items only.

ACTION FOOD PANTRY needs all kinds of canned and boxed foods.

EXPLORE ST.MARK'S CLASS

Interested in learning more about the Christian faith and St. Mark's. Join us after worship today at 11:30 AM in the church office or Tuesday by Zoom at 5:30 PM. To register for Tuesday please sign-up at <https://subspla.sh/ts7j77x/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Workday at church is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at 8:00 am.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet at 7PM, Monday, March 11 on Zoom. The Bible Study begins on page 14 of the March/April Gather magazine and is titled "Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith, Session three - Rivers. Ruth Jasso will lead our discussion. If you would like to be added to the group email which receives the Zoom link a day or so before the meeting, contact Sharon Heck at s.heck4peace@gmail.com. We hope to see you on Zoom.