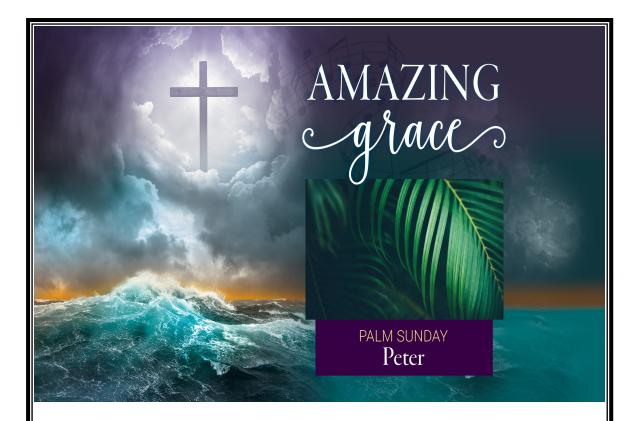
DON'T FORGET



You are invited to bring a fresh cut flower from you garden next Sunday to place on our Easter Cross located in the planter



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

PALM SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

APRIL 2, 2022, 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 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

PALM SUNDAY
Holy Communion

Today we are also celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that all who wish to receive Christ and his offer of forgiveness and new life are welcome to receive this meal. For those online, please have your bread/crackers and wine/juice ready for that point in the service. For those attending in person, if you want to receive Christ in communion you can do so in two ways: come up front and receive the bread and wine/juice or take a communion kit in the Narthex and receive the bread and juice at your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, and are in person, please know you are welcome to come forward for a blessing—just let the pastor know. If you remain in your seat, please help make room for others to pass you, if they choose to go forward to receive communion.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson

LECTOR: Dan O'Connell

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Lynn Yann COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Dan O'Connell ALTAR GUILD: Janna Barnhart, Melani Garrett

TECH: Chris Birtia, Garrett Birtia

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHERS: Ron Hussey, Steven Chou **USHERS:** Emil Wolfe, Dick Heinrich, Frank Winn

Last Sunday's Attendance

149 In-person 46 Online

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

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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.



4/6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

(in-person & online)

6:45 PM Cake Reception for our children receiving First Holy Communion.

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION - 7:00 PM

4/7 - GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SANCTUARY - NOON to 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (LIGHT TO DARK) - 7:00 PM (in-person & online)

4/9 - EASTER

SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30 AM (in-person ONLY) FESTIVAL - 10:00 AM (in-person & online)

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EASTER GARDEN

St. Mark's continues its tradition of providing an Easter gift for a special need. This year we are supporting "World Central Kitchen." Checks can be made out to St. Mark's Church with a note "World Central Kitchen." 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 are in the Narthex. You may place them in the offering 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 service. Your name will be on your flowerpot. The remaining lilies will be taken to our shut-ins. **DEDICATIONS MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY APRIL 5th.**

ACTION FOOD PANTRY

ACTION FOOD PANTRY needs ANY canned goods and boxed staples. Volunteers are needed to distribution food on Thursdays. It starts around 9:00 am and food is distributed from noon until 3:00 pm. Location is Grace Lutheran 17880 E. Covina Blvd., Covina.

OFFICE NEWS

Monday, April 3rd - Office CLOSED (Françoise at funeral)

Wednesday, April 5th - Françoise out of the office for MRI under sedation. Pastor will be in the office from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

ZOOM BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR JIM ON TUESDAYS

We will have time to share highs and lows and have a discussion on the Bible readings in the coming week's sermon/readings. Zoom links will be sent out Tuesday at 10:00 A.M.

TIMES:

Tuesday at 11:00 A.M.- Noon Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Readings: 1 Corinthian 15:12-28, John 20:1-18

OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a donation to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, just go to the link below. Thank you for your generosity.

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You can also give by text to St. Mark's Lutheran 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. You are welcome to mail in your donation, if you prefer not using the internet. Our address is: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 2323 Las Lomitas Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA, 91745

Gathering + Word + Meal+ Sending

The congregation will assemble on the patio outside of the sanctuary.

(Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.)

GATHERING (3X)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11, pg. 900

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

+ BLESSING OF PALMS (assembly is invited to raise their branches)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. (A brief silence is kept)

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

+ PROCESSION

Let us go forth in celebration,

In the name of Christ, Amen.

(As you follow the processional cross into the sanctuary you are invited to sing the gathering hymn while holding up your palms and proceed through the right aisle and then use the other aisles to proceed to your seats for worship.)

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor

ELW 344



PRAYER LIST: HEALING

Vernon Weigand; Krystal Barnhart; Norma Collosi – significant health issues; Janna Barnhart - healing; Bradley Holmes (Frances Weigand's grand-nephew) - healing; Rosemary Abrego-Holmes (Frances Weigand's niece) - healing; Li Chen Wang (Penny Chou's mother) - broken shoulder & spine; Françoise Dutil - MRI, April 5th; Kenna Dutil-Baker - CT scan of lungs, blood test; Aiden Flamenco (St. Mark's student) - healing; Barbara Richards - healing; Sunny O'Hara - broken hip; Gus Garcia - healing, shoulder surgery; Bob Mericle - fall; Tony Hernandez (Michael's brother) cancer

ILLNESS

Pat Dickerman-cancer; Chelsea Shipherd-liver transplant; Anne Evans - dementia

TREATMENTS

Tom O'Connell (Dan O'Connell's brother) - cancer; Barbara Mautino - cancer; Amy Stenberg - brain cancer (friend of Anna Guerriero & Lee Uhl); Lorna Delgado (Ms. Dominique's mom) - cancer treatments

HOSPICE

Faye Heinrich; Marty Green-Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero)

SURGERY Charlie Munoz - knee surgery

IN MEMORY

Family of Karl Wahl (cousin of Mary Ann Mericle, Emmy Swenson and Pastor Jim), Family of Estela Sanchez (Françoise's dear friend's mother and past St. Mark's school family the Logo's) Family of Mark Sauer Sr. (Mark Sauer Jr. father)

EASTER SUNDAY PREPARATION - HELP NEEDED!

Help will be needed Saturday April 8th at 9:00 AM to prepare for Easter service. Sunday, April 9th at 6:00 AM to help set up chairs and altar for sunrise service. Help needed after Maundy Thursday service to help cover the cross in church. Please let Kim Winn or any worship committee member know if you can help; it would be greatly appreciated. Kim Winn's contact information (626) 376-2997

BEFORE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

6:45 p.m. Cake Reception for our children receiving First Holy Communion. Please come before service to congratulate them and enjoy a piece of cake.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Zoom, Monday, April 10, 7:00 PM. The Bible Study is in the March/April Gather magazine and is titled The Ten Commandments: Session Four - Guardrails for love of God and neighbor (Commandments 7,8,9 & 10). The study will be led by Sandy Carbajal. The Zoom link will be sent a few days before the meeting. Email Sharon Heck if you wish to be added to the Zoom list. s.heck4peace@gmail.com All are welcome.

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+ PEACE

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ELW 884

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COMMUNION HYMN One Bread, One Body ELW 496

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+ SENDING HYMN Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338

+ DISMISSAL Projection Screen

POSTLUDE

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REMEMBER to bring a flower from your garden to put on our Easter Cross next Sunday.

At sunset on Maundy Thursday, Lent comes to an end as the church begins the celebration of the events through which Christ has become the life and resurrection for all. This is the beginning of the Three Days which end with sunset on Easter Day. During these central days to our faith, Christians prepare to celebrate God's gift of new life given in baptism.

HELP NEEDED

Altar guild members. If you are in attendance on Maundy Thursday please join in the stripping of the altar. Just come to the side when we line up. Also if you could come by on Saturday morning to help set up for Easter, your help would be greatly appreciated. I'll be getting there about 9:00 AM. Lynn Yann

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Simon Peter proudly boasted of his faithfulness and his willingness to die for Jesus. Then, when the time came, he denied the Lord and swore that he never even knew him. We, too, are often less than loyal. When others question our faith, we remain silent and have no answers for them. We do not always live in a way that reflects Jesus' love. Yet you have forgiven us, as you forgave Peter and restored him to service. You have called us to serve oth-ers in your name and to be witnesses for our Savior. Help us to live in humble service as Jesus did, the humble King, who entered Jerusalem to take up his cross for us. Hear our prayer in his name. Amen.

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READING Zechariah 9:9-12, pg. 868

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Lynn Yann

PALM SONG Hosanna in the Highest Projection Screen

GOSPEL Luke 22:31-34, pg. 963

The gospel according to Luke the 22nd chapters. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**.

MESSAGE Peter Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound ELW 779
Stanzas 1 - 4

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR Alanna Jordan Devening PARENTS & SPONSOR: JASON & STACEY DEVENING



Stacey Aileen Devening SPONSORS: JASON ROBERT DEVENING

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the front.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven......