

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

"Teach me"

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 17, 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.

We invite you to let us know you are here today by completing a Connect Card or a Visitor Card in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. For those online, you can leave a comment or use the connect section on our website or App. We hope you will also let us know how this worship has touched you.

You may contact Françoise, our church Office Administrator, at fdutil@stmarks.ws or email Pastor Mericle directly, pastorjim@stmarkshh.com. 562-360-9812

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

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 Rev James "Jim" Mericle

QUEST MUSICIAN: Renee Gehlbach

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Yann, Janna Barnhart, Lee Uhl

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Terry VanRiper

LECTOR: Norm Rumpf

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Gwen Andrizzi

TECH: Chris Birtja, Dan O'Connell

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHER: Phil Barnhart **USHERS:** Gary Hill, George Li, Kurt VanRiper

Last Sundays'
Attendance

203 in-person
35 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.



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

Here is the schedule for Lenten Dinners.

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 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.

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, and \$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.

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.**



Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

PRELUDE

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| + GATHERING HYMN | Lamb of God | ELW 336 |
| + CALL TO WORSHIP | | <i>Projection Screen</i> |
| + WELCOME HYMN | Return to You | <i>Program Screen</i> |
| CHILDREN'S SERMON | | <i>Gwen Andrizzi</i> |

- + PAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray together.

Teaching God,

We want to learn your ways. We want to learn the ways of forgiveness. We want to learn the ways of grace. We want to learn your ways of love. That is part of why we return to your text week after week, because we are hungry to be more like you. So as we prepare to listen to your good Word, calm the noise in our minds.

Center our spirits to focus on you so that we might learn and hear what we have missed in this story before.

God, we want to learn your ways.

Meet us here.

Speak your truth.

Help us listen.

Amen.

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READING

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:9-16

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Matthew 18:15-22

MESSAGE

Teach Me

Pastor Mericle

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

ELW 807

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Projection Screen

Gathering + Word + **Meal** + Sending

+ PEACE

+ OFFERTORY

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

Projection Screen

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Projection Screen

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Projection Screen

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Projection Screen

COMMUNION HYMN

**Lamb of God
Let Us Break Bread Together**

**ELW pg. 154
ELW 471**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Gathering + Word + Meal + **Sending**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ BLESSING

Projection Screen

+ SENDING

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

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 - fall, home; 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 **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; Marty Green - Ponce (friend of Juliana Guerriero) - cancer treatments **SURGERY:** 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 14 - 16

NEW HORIZONS needs breakfast items only. **ACTION FOOD PANTRY** needs all kinds of canned and boxed foods.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

"May God bless your days, in so many ways, with good friends to love, and gifts from above, with sunshine and laughter, and joy every after"
Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Fellowship Committee

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.

OFFICE NEWS

- ◆ Office will close at 2:00 PM Monday, March 18th.
- ◆ Françoise will be on vacation Thursday, March 21st, & Friday, March 22nd.
- ◆ Office will open at 11:30 AM Monday, March 25th.
- ◆ Office will be closed Monday, April 1st.
- ◆ Pastor Mericle will be on vacation from April 3rd - April 19th.