



LENTEN THEME
250th Anniversary
of the hymn
Amazing Grace

LENTEN SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY SERVICES
NO DINNERS

March 29th - 7:00 PM
in-person & online
Paul



Palm Sunday Service
Please meet on the patio
April 2nd, 10:00 AM
Easter Egg Hunt - 11:15 AM

Mauddy Thursday Service/First Communion
April 6th, 7:00 PM

Station of the Cross
April 7th,
Noon to 3:00 PM
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service
April 7th, 7:00 PM

AMAZING
grace

WEEK FIVE
Paul

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 26, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

St. Mark's Lutheran

Church & School

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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 at 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 seventh graders and their families.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson

LECTOR: Kim Winn

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE: Lynn Yann

ALTAR GUILD: Janna Barnhart, Lee Uhl

TECH: Dan O'Connell, Steven Chou

CO-DIRECTOR OF USHERS: Phil Barnhart, Frank Winn

HEAD USHERS: Dan Guerrero, Emil Wolfe

USHERS: Irvin Thomas, Frank Winn

Last Sundays'
Attendance

53 in-person
39 online

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD: In memory of Mel Locke (husband), given by Marian Locke.

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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.

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

March 28th - Office closes at noon (Françoise out of office - Kenna's appointment at CHOC)

March 28th & March 29th - Pastor out of office will be the at Bishop's Colloquy.

NO ZOOM BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR JIM ON TUESDAYS

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:

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Thank you
for
joining us!

STAR PARTY FRIDAY MARCH 31ST

- ◆ Starts with dinner at 6 PM--hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, and drinks for sale by Scouts
- ◆ Movie: Planet 51 (PG)
- ◆ Telescope Targets: Venus, Mars, Uranus, Orion, Pleiades, Mizar, Open Cluster M 35, and Moon.
- ◆ Join us for this annual St. Mark's Family Event and bring a friend!
- ◆ For further details, see the March Monitor or talk to Alex or Gay.
- ◆ Melissa Magdaleno, SML Youth Group Leader, will promote our Vacation Bible School (VBS) space theme 'Stellar' at the Star Party March 31. Melissa will sell cookies that are "Out of this World" to offset VBS costs. On the menu so far: Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter and Oatmeal Raisin. More than likely, we will offer more! Please stop by and support VBS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As in the past, we appreciate SML members donating candy and filling plastic eggs for our Egg Hunt, which will be after church on Palm Sunday April 2nd. There are some empty plastic eggs available in the church office and Narthex. Please fill them with wrapped "unmelt able" candy, coins, or safe toys, and **return eggs by Wednesday, March 29th** to the church. You may donate other filled plastic eggs as well. Please put the total number of filled eggs you are donating on the bag. 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.

EGGS HUNT - APRIL 2nd

Join us on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, after the church service at 11:15 AM. Join us for a wonderful Palm Sunday Egg Hunt with fun activities and photo opportunities for Pre-K and Kindergarteners with Ms. Gwen in the pre-school yard and grades 1-6 on the lower field with Ms. Betty. See you there!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

TODAY, March 26th at 11:20 AM
First Communion -Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM

ST. MARK'S CHOIR

We have a new Children's Choir that will be for children in grades K - 8. They will meet twice a month on Sundays after church at 11:15 AM for about an hour. Once a month the choir will sing at worship. They will be singing at a few special worship services during the year as well. The choir began practice on March 12th and will go through June 4th and then restart again in August. Use the QR Code below.
Questions: Contact Pastor Jim or the Office at (626) 961-2486.



Gathering + Word + Thanksgiving + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's. It is good to have you join us for worship and the "Amazing Grace" Lenten series that celebrates the 250th anniversary of the song. In this week's service, we will see God's amazing grace at work in the life of Saul who went from persecuting Christians and speaking against Jesus to becoming Jesus' greatest defender and evangelist after having a personal encounter with Christ.. Our call in Lent is to hear that same message of salvation found through Jesus who offers us second chances and is patient with us.

Blessings to you this day as you worship. Enjoy a time of fellowship after worship on the patio.

PRELUDE	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	<i>Beethoven arr. Barbara B. Kinyon</i>
	<i>7 W group 2 students</i>	
+ GATHERING SONG	Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)	<i>Projection Screen</i>
+ WELCOME		<i>Projection Screen</i>
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION		<i>Projection Screen</i>
+ WELCOME SONG	God So Loved	<i>Projection Screen</i>

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
Almighty God, even though Paul persecuted your church, arrested the faithful and approved of their deaths, you called him to be an ambassador for your kingdom, sending him into the world to spread the good news of salvation in Jesus. You have looked on us in grace and you have forgiven our sins. Help us to live in repentant humility and ever seek your mercy. By the power of your Spirit, lead us to grow in faith and in the knowledge of your Word so that we too can serve as faithful witnesses to our Savior's love. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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FIRST READING *1 Timothy 1:12-17, pg. 1082*
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Lullaby Johannes Brahms arr. Barbara B. Kinyon*
7 B group 1 students

CHILDREN'S SERMON Lynn Yann

ANTHEM *I Got Shoes - American Spiritual arr. Sharon E. Rogers*
7 R group 2 students

GOSPEL *Mark 2:13-17, pg. 913*
 The Holy Gospel according to Mark the second chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Paul Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Kevin McChesney*
7 B group 2 students - Introduction by bells
Congregation 1, 2 & 4 ELW 879

+ APOSTLES' CREED *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + **Meal** + Sending

PEACE *Projection Screen*

+ OFFERING *O Worship the King arr. Kevin McChesney*
7 W group 1 students

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Give Thanks** *Projection Screen*

+ PRAYERS *Projection Screen*

+ LORD'S PRAYER *Projection Screen*

Gathering + Word + Meal + **Sending**

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS *Projection Screen*

+ BENEDICTION *Projection Screen*

+ SENDING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Kevin McChesney*
7 R group 1 - Introduction by bells
Congregation stanzas 1, 2 & 4 ELW 413

+ DISMISSAL & VISION *Projection Screen*

POSTLUDE *Projection Screen*

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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; 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)

IN MEMORY

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