

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 24, 2019*

## Gathering

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

arr. Mary McDonald

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,  
anoint us,  
and make us new.

**Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,  
and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home;**

**again and again, we lose our way.**

**We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.**

**We forget that you have saved your people before  
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,**

**but turn our faces toward the future,**

**where your forgiveness is sure,**

**your welcome is clear,**

**and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,  
God embraces you in tender care.  
Like manna in the desert,  
God feeds you with surprising mercy.  
Like a loving parent,  
God runs to meet you again this day,  
forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ,  
leading you from death into life.  
**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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## Greeting

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Litany for Lent

*Leader*

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.  
You are our eternal hope; You are patient and full of mercy;  
You are generous to all who call upon you.

Assembly

Save us, Lord. Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,  
You have taken away our sins.  
On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions  
And were bruised for our iniquities. **Refrain**

O Christ, obedient unto death,  
Source of all comfort, our life and resurrection,  
Our peace and reconciliation. **Refrain**

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you,  
 Hope of all who die in your and joy of all the saints: **Refrain**

Leader Assembly Leader

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus,

Assembly

bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Leader

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,

Assembly

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## Prayer of the Day

*The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Word

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-9

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love  
for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while the LORD may be found,  
call upon God while God is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, who will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, who will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,  
says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher  
than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 63:1-8

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and  
weary land where there | is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,  
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;  
my lips shall | give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long | as I live  
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you up- | on my bed,  
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have | been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being | clings to you;  
your right hand | holds me fast.**

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it

is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.”<sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.<sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.<sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.<sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.<sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. We sing following the direction of the Music Director.*

Open my heart, Open my heart. Open my heart, Open my heart.

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## **Gospel:**

Luke 13:1-9

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders

than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children’s Sermon

*We invite our children forward for a lesson before either returning to their seats or heading off to the nursery.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803

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# Holy Baptism

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*God claims us and washes us clean in the waters of grace*

## Presentation for Baptism

*The Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.*

*The presiding minister address the parents.*

*The presiding minister address the sponsors.*

*The presiding minister address the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support **Violet Mae** and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church; the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

*\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

## **Thanksgiving at the Font**

*At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator ... who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Baptism**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.*

*The presiding minister continues with prayer and laying on of hands:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God... both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

**Violet Mae**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **Welcome by the Assembly**

*A lighted candle is given*

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me  
will have the light of life.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we**

**share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The service continues with the Prayers of the People.*

## **Prayers of the People**

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:*

God of Mercy, **Hold us in love.**

*The prayers are concluded:*

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## **Meal**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements are made on behalf of the community*

## **Offering**

*An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play. If you give electronically we invite you to take one of the green slips and place it in the offering plate as a way to include your electronic gifts in the offering time.*

## Offertory

### *I Surrender All*

arr. Phillip Keveren

*Musical selections are offered to the glory of God. The conclusion of which gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward.*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## Offering Prayer

Generous God,

you feed us with the harvest of the land,

and you provide for our every need.

Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,

and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,

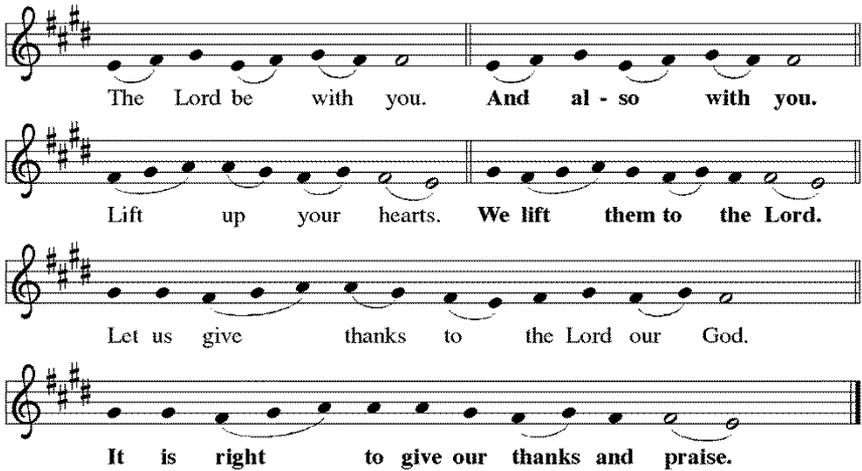
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 152

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Sanctus

ELW p. 153

“Holy Holy Holy”

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The Great Thanksgiving concludes:*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,  
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we  
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al  
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,  
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

## Invitation to Communion

*Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.*

Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

*The bread may be broken for the communion*

## Agnus Dei

MMC 36

*We sing following the Director of Music*

Lay me low, where the Lord can find me.

Lay me low, where the Lord can hold me.

Lay me low, where the Lord can bless me.

Lay me low Lord, lay me low.

## Distribution of Communion

*Today we will receive communion around the altar rail. At the direction of the usher you are invited forward to receive communion. To focus our attention on the distribution of communion during Lent, there will be no communion hymns and we are invited into a time of silent reflection and prayer as focus on the meaning of Holy Communion.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond -- Amen.*

## Post Communion Blessing

*When all have communed, the Assembly stands.*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Tender and merciful one,  
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,  
turning our emptiness into joy.  
Filled with your abundant grace,  
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,  
mending broken hearts, working for justice,  
and striving for peace among all people,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## Sending

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*God blesses us and send us in mission to the world*

### Blessing

God, who fills the creation with abundance,  
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,  
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,  
✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

# Sending Song

*There in God's Garden*

## Dismissal

Go in peace, remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Herzliebster Jesu*

arr. Timothy Shaw

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# Leading us in Worship

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<b>Presiding Minister</b>	The Rev. Bryan Penman	
<b>Guest Organist</b>	Hannah Knauss	
	<i><b>This Week</b></i>	<i><b>Next Week</b></i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kim Kriebel	Kathy Pokalo
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Joanne Copestick	Joanne Popowicz
<b>Reader</b>	Theodora Morley	Pam Keebler
<b>Nursery</b>	Matt Fiore	The Ramsdens
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gavin Kriebel	Chase Conklin
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Stephanie Conklin Sandy Portzer	Erin Orekar
<b>Ushers</b>	Donna Kobi Theodora Morley	Pam Keebler & Karen Hanna
<b>Counters</b>	Lauren Parkin Joanne Copestick	Matt Fiore Jen Schreiter
<b>Offering Recorder</b>	Jen Schreiter	Joanne Copestick
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	Open	Open
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Kim Kriebel & Lara Hoffman	Allison Fike & Becca Casey

**Altar Flowers**

Given by the Pam  
Keebler in memory of The MacNeals  
Charlie Curtis

## **Worship Ministry Announcements:**

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### **We Welcome at the Font**

Violet Mae Popowicz, daughter of Nick and Olivia Popowicz, baptized today into new life in the body of Christ; serving as her Godparents are Steve Popowicz and Megan Bakermaw.

### **No Choir Rehearsals for the Next Two Weeks**

There will be no adult choir or bell choir on March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Week, Christ's last week on earth before his crucifixion, begins on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 worship. Our observance of Holy Week continues:

Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Potluck dinner at 6 pm and worship in the sanctuary at 7 pm

Good Friday evening, April 19<sup>th</sup> with worship at 7 pm

### **Help us purchase more hymnals for the sanctuary**

We need some more hymnals to fill the pew racks, and we're inviting members of the congregation to purchase a hymnal to place for use in worship. You're invited to include your dedication (for example, in memory of a loved one, to the Glory of God, for blessings received)--a book plate will be set in the hymnal identifying the giver and dedication. The cost is \$25 per book. Place your check or cash in one of the white pew envelopes and label it HYMNAL. On the back of the envelope, write your name and what you'd like to have included in the dedication.

### **Dinner Church @ 6PM on Thursdays**

“Dinner Church” has great roots in the Christian tradition. The Sign-Up sheet to bring a main dish, soup or salad is in the “sign-up hallway” across from the McCarney room. No matter where you are on your faith journey you are welcome here at Dinner Church.

## **Easter Flower Orders**

Please help us create a joyful sanctuary for our Festival Easter worship service! Purple order forms are in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to purchase either lilies or tulips to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Due by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Altar Flower Sponsorship**

We have openings for Altar Flowers in April. Cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to keep this as an annual memorial, or just a memorial for this year.

## **Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:**

*Ways you can deep your faith life*

### **Faith Formation Classes after worship**

We offer two faith formation opportunities after worship today, a class for young disciples and their families and an adult forum (for disciples young at heart!) Today, both classes meet following worship downstairs in the auditorium, our young persons' class begins following communion and the adult forum starts shortly after the fellowship hour.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School. Kick off Sunday on July 7<sup>th</sup> during and directly after worship on that day, continuing Mon., July 8- Thurs., July 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This year's theme is, "Who is My Neighbor?" exploring how we can care for our neighbors near and far.

## **Service Ministry Announcements:**

*Ways you can do God's work with your hands*

### **Pipe Organ Appeal**

Our congregation continues to raise funds to repair and rebuild our Pipe Organ. The instrument is in major need of refurbishment and new parts, the cost of which is \$53,000. To date we have raised a little over \$24,000 for this work with more to go. Please consider making a donation to the Capital Appeal to support this work; we have until June to raise the rest of the funds for this work. We are also planning two upcoming fundraisers to help support the capital appeal – Mark your calendars: Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> for a Trivia Event and Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Hand Bag Bingo event.

## **Habitat for Humanity Build Volunteers Needed**

We're looking to see if there are folks who are interested in signing up for a day of working on a local Habitat for Humanity build, Wednesday through Saturdays. You must be 18 for this particular build. If you'd like to participate, email Pastor ([pastor@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:pastor@stmarksconshy.org)). There'll be other more 'family friendly' opportunities to help in the coming weeks!

## **Knitters & Crocheters**

We're still collecting 12" knitted or crocheted squares to be assembled into blankets that we'll take to the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) in Norristown. If you have any questions, please speak to Kathy Pokalo or Karen Hanna.

## **Items Needed at Our Local Food Bank**

Our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council have a special need for Chef Boyardee products and canned fruit. Collection baskets in the back of the sanctuary. Items are delivered to CNC weekly.

## **Sharing God's Love with Blessing Bags**

"Blessing Bags" are bags filled with energy & granola bars and other items that can be eaten right away. The bags can be placed in your car, tote or briefcase to distribute to those experiencing homelessness.

## **Special Envelope Collection This Month**

The Lutheran Settlement House is a multifaceted service organization offering a variety of programs to empower individuals and strengthen communities across the city of Philadelphia. (<https://www.lutheransettlement.org>)

## **Evangelism Ministry Announcements:**

*Ways you can share your faith with others*

## **Easter Egg Industry Continues**

Volunteers are especially needed this coming week as we'll be doing an additional batch on Monday and Wednesday evening for candy making and chocolate coating as well as Friday mornings to assist with packing.

**Monday Evenings 6pm – 8pm:** Volunteers are needed to help roll / cut fondant centers. We are in special need of folks who can volunteer from 5pm – 7pm in the kitchen to assist with making the candy batches.

**Wednesday Evenings 6pm – 8pm:** Volunteers are needed to help coat the candies in dark chocolate, each candy is hand coated so we need lots of hands to help coat the candies!

**Friday Mornings 9am – 11am:** Packers are needed to help pack and weight the candies in boxes.

**To place orders:** you may order in person during production, fill out an order form (available in the back of the sanctuary) and turn it into the church office, or contact our order coordinator Donna Kobi 610.825.3021, or use our website ([www.stmarksconshy.org](http://www.stmarksconshy.org))

## This Week at St. Mark's

<b>Monday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8:00pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>6-7 pm Dinner Church</i> <i>7pm Stewardship Meeting</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<b>Friday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>9-11am Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i> <i>8:30 AA Group</i>
<b>Saturday</b>		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30am - Faith Formation</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>

# Welcome to St. Mark's, We're so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. *This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.* We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

**Children are always welcome** to participate in worship. To help our youngest worshippers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

**Restrooms** are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

**Cell phones** and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the "Good News" you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshippers.

**Our team of ushers** is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

**Are you new or visiting St. Mark's?** If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us: Visitor books at the entrance to the sanctuary Yellow Visitor Cards in the pew backs, just drop them in the offering plate We would be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again.