

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday
April 14th, 2019

Gathering

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

Prelude

Valet will ich dir Geben

setting by Greg Bottomley

Acclamation

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing of the Palms

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

The assisting minister addresses the assembly.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers into the church to form a procession while we sing

Opening Hymn

Music by Heart

Hosanna, ho!

Hosanna, Ho! Hosanna, Ho!

Blest is the one who comes, in the name of the Lord, Alleluia!

WORDS: MT 21:9

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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.

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Word

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

First Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

The First Reading is from the 9th chapter of Zechariah:

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰The king will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

Psalm 31

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ’s selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord..

The Second Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Philippians:

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death —

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 19:28-44

Entrance into the final days

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept

spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.” ⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

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.

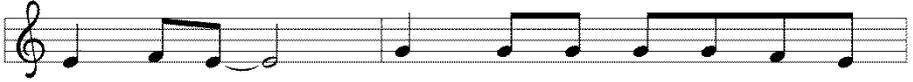
Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

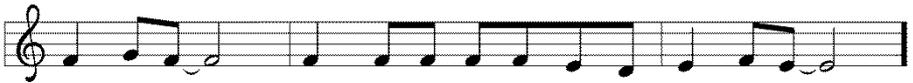
Filled with Excitement



1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap-py throng spread cloaks and branch-es on the
 2 As in that en-trance to Je - ru - sa-lem, ho - san - nas we will sing to



cit - y streets. There in the dis - tance they be -
 Je - sus Christ, to our re - deem - er who still



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Son of God.
 calls to - day, asks us to fol - low with our love and faith.

Refrain



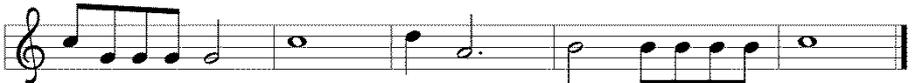
From ev - 'ry cor - ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the one who comes



in the name of God. With one great shout of ac - cla - ma - tion loud, tri -



um - phant song breaks forth: Ho - san - na, ho -



san-na to the king! Ho - san - na, ho - san-na to the king!

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Apostles Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:

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

The prayers are concluded:

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through 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

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

Hosanna!

by Michael W. Smith, arr. Erik Whitehill

Adult Choir

Musical selections are offered to the glory of God.

At the conclusion of the Offertory music, the gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward, the congregation sings "Let the Vineyards be fruitful"

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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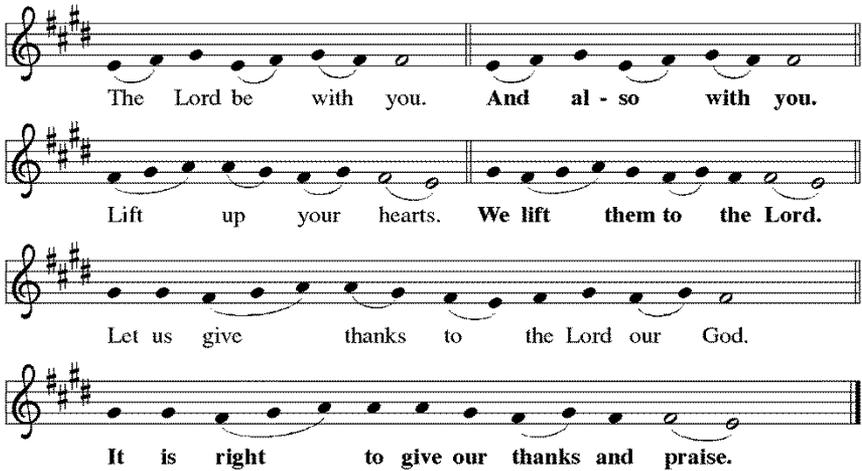
Offering Prayer

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

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“Holy Holy Holy”

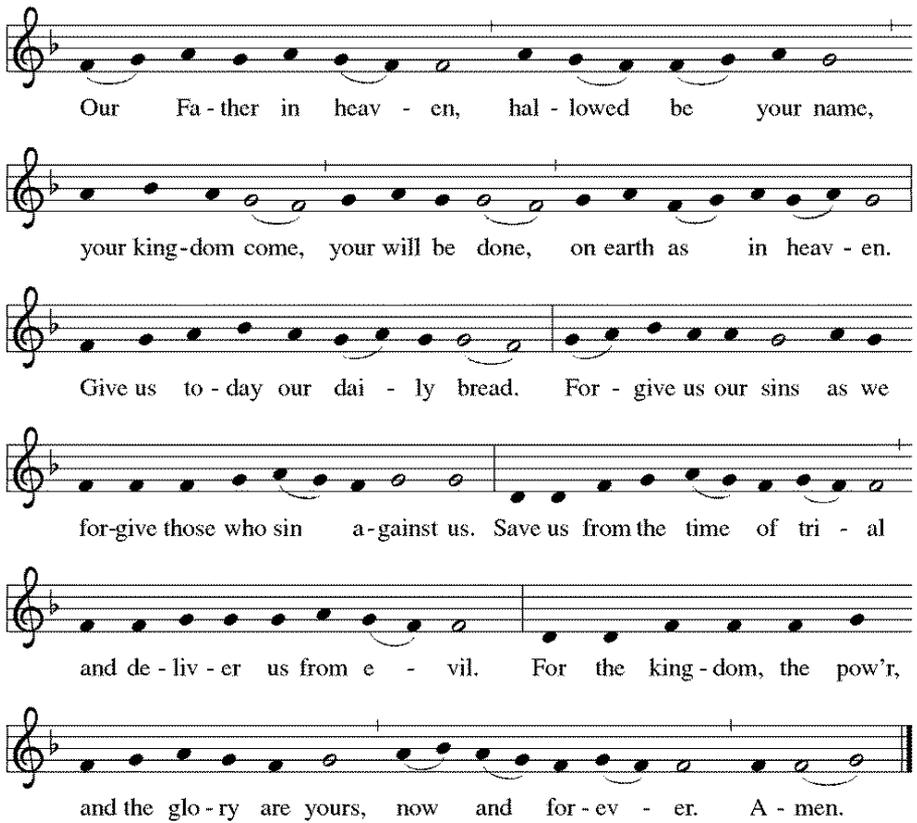
Words of Institution

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

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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Dismissal

Go in peace, remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Vicki Collinswort

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Leading us in Worship

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Bryan Penman	
Dir. Music	Emily Ballentine Erb	
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Assisting Minister	Ava Ruggiero	Kathy Pokalo
Communion Asst.	Karen Hanna	Joanne Copestick/ LJ Kriebel
Reader	Bill Portzer	Kathy Turner
Nursery	The Holsts	Liz MacNeal
Acolyte	Stella Ruggerio	Gavin Kriebel
Altar Guild	Jen Schreiter	Pam Keebler
Ushers	Bill Portzer, Joe Dryburgh	Donna Kobi George Pokalo
Counters	Susan Dryburgh, Deb Eskate	LJ Kriebel Susan Jacovino
Offering Recorder	Nate Ramsden	Pam Keebler
Fellowship Hour	The Penmans	No Fellowship Hours
Faith Formation	Joe Ruggiero	No Faith Formation
	Stephanie Conklin	

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Holy Week Schedule

Join us as we tell the story of Christ's passage from life, to death and resurrection dawn:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 18th** – Potluck dinner at 6 pm and worship in the sanctuary at 7 pm
- **Good Friday evening, April 19th** with worship at 7 pm
- **Easter Sunday, April 21st**, with worship at 9:30am

Adult Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsals During Holy Week

Due to the Maundy Thursday service next Thursday, April 18, adult choir will NOT rehearse next Thursday, April 18.

Bell Choir will schedule a rehearsal at a different time next week to prepare for Easter Sunday.

Invite a friend to experience Easter with us

Don't forget to invite friends and family to enjoy the wonder of Easter with us – Christ's resurrection changes everything, perhaps you know someone who could use a little change in their life and why wouldn't you want to share how great our congregation is with them.

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.

Altar Flower Sponsorship

Altar flowers are a great way to remember or honor loved ones as well as giving glory to God by bringing color and fragrance to our Sanctuary and

Altar. We have openings for Altar Flowers in April and May. 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. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board across from the McCarney Room.

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 (for disciples young at heart!) Today, classes meet following worship downstairs in the auditorium.

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School. Kick off Sunday on July 7th 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

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

Augusta Victoria Hospital is a program of the Lutheran World Federated Department of World Services in Jerusalem. Started in partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency as a major medical facility in Jerusalem after the 1948 war to care for Palestinian refugees. To this day it is still one of the only Hospital facilities in Israel providing care for Palestinians in the Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza strip.

As part of the hospital they run of the only oncology centers in Israel for Palestinians—and especially pediatric oncology.

When I visited the hospital in 2010 I was impressed by the children in the

center, all of whom had LWR quilts on their beds, from the many quilt drives in Lutheran churches in America. It was wonderful to experience their profound care and nurture of these very special items given to them.

This hospital is providing life saving medical care for people in the land that Jesus called home. They are agents of resurrection in the Holy Land as we celebrate the power of new life to continue even to this day.

To find out more about the hospital and the work of LWR—check them out on the web: <https://jerusalem.lutheranworld.org/content/augusta-victoria-hospital-91>

Capital Appeal : Pipe Organ Repairs

We continue to raise funds for our current Capital Appeal to renovate and refurbish our Pipe Organ.

This spring we enter the critical period of this appeal as we will soon begin payments for the work to be completed over the summer. We are roughly halfway to our goal of raising \$53,000 for this work, but we need your help to get us the rest of the way there! We invite you to consider making a gift donation to help us with these much needed repairs to our organ.

Over the summer the organ will be completely disassembled and the pipe chamber completely rebuilt. The results will be a refurbished pipe organ that will be brought back to it's full potential. Currently there are a significant number of pipes and ranks that are no longer working due to age of the mechanicals that operate the various pipes.

Upcoming Fundraisers Supporting the Capital Appeal

Mark your calendars now! Join us for fun, fellowship and fundraising!

Friday, May 17th for a Trivia Event

\$45 ticket or table of 10 for \$400

Doors open at 6:30pm with trivia to begin at 7:30pm

Dinner provided by Cantina Feliz, BYOB, Margarita Machine available

Sunday, June 2nd for a Hand Bag Bingo event

Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, and Tory Burch

\$30 a ticket for 15 games

BYOB permitted, Food Permitted and Snacks for purchase

Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes, 50/50

Bring a food donation for CNC and get 3 free raffle tickets

**Raffle Basket items are needed for both events and sign ups for that are in the back of the sanctuary

Evangelism and Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can share your faith with others

Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner – April 18th – 6 pm

Sign up sheet is in back of the Sanctuary

Easter Dinner

You're invited to Easter Dinner at St. Mark's: Easter Sunday, April 21st from 2-4 pm in the Auditorium – hosted by the Conklin family. All are welcome!

Easter Egg Banquet - Friday, April 26th at 6:00 pm

Let's celebrate another successful year of our Easter Egg Industry. The main dish, desserts and beverages will be provided. Folks are asked to bring a side dish to share. There's an RSVP and Sign Up sheet downstairs in the Easter Egg Room.

Book Presentation Invitation

St. Mark's is cordially invited as guests at the Sunrise Center for Senior Living at 429 Ridge Pike Lafayette Hill on Monday, April 22nd at 2:30 pm for former interim pastor Jack Saarela's presentation and Q and A regarding his second published novel, [Accidental Saviors](#).

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday

Office Closed

6am: Meals on Wheels

7pm: Boy Scouts

Tuesday

3pm – 7pm

7pm Church Council

Meeting

6am: Meals on Wheels

7 pm: Cub Scouts

Wednesday

10am – 12N

6 am: Meals on Wheels

8:00pm: AA Group

Thursday

3 – 7pm

Maundy Thursday

4:30 First Communion class

6pm Potluck dinner

7pm Worship

No Adult or Bell Choir

6am: Meals on Wheels

Friday

10am – 12N

Good Friday

7pm Worship

6am: Meals on Wheels

7 pm: AA / Al-Anon

8:30 AA Group

Saturday

7 pm: AA Group

Sunday

Easter Sunday

9:30 am – Worship Service

NO Faith Formation

7 pm: AA Group



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.