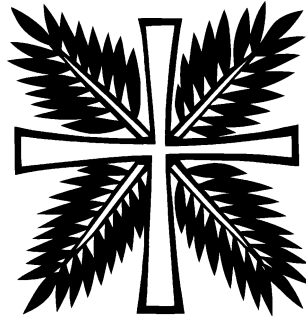


ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
welcomes you!

March 24,
2024



Palm/Passion
Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (*1st Saturdays - Chapel*)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

in-person & streaming

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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The Reverend Brian M. Robison, Pastor

PLEASE wear a **mask/face covering** *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

To parents with small children: We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! “*Quiet Bags*” (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

Parish Hall and Restrooms are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

Assistive listening devices and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

GATHERING - PROCESSION WITH PALMS

*As the ministers enter, please **STAND** as you are able.*



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

BLESSING OF PALMS

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 peace, in the name of Christ. A-men.

The assembly follows the ministers across the breezeway and into the church.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW 344



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

The presiding minister concludes the procession



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Following the prayer, please SIT*

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me...
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 31:9-16 *spoken in unison*

⁹**Have 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.

¹¹**I 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.**

¹³**For 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.**

¹⁵**My times are | in your hand;**

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your | steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

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.

LENTEN VERSE *Please STAND as you are able to welcome the gospel.*

S 103

Let your stead- fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom- ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1—15:47

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The assembly may be SEATED due to the length of the reading.

At the conclusion of the reading . . . The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“A Different Way”

The Rev. Brian M. Robison



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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 INTERCESSION *The names of those for whom we pray aloud are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the Mark Times newsletter. The response to God of grace, is hear our prayer...*

**Eleanor Benton, Al Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill,
 Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson,
 Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinsky, & Barb Wurdinger**

MEAL

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Please be respectful to those who wish to do so from a distance. Following **the Peace**, you may be seated for a few moments*

Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.

CHOIR ANTHEM

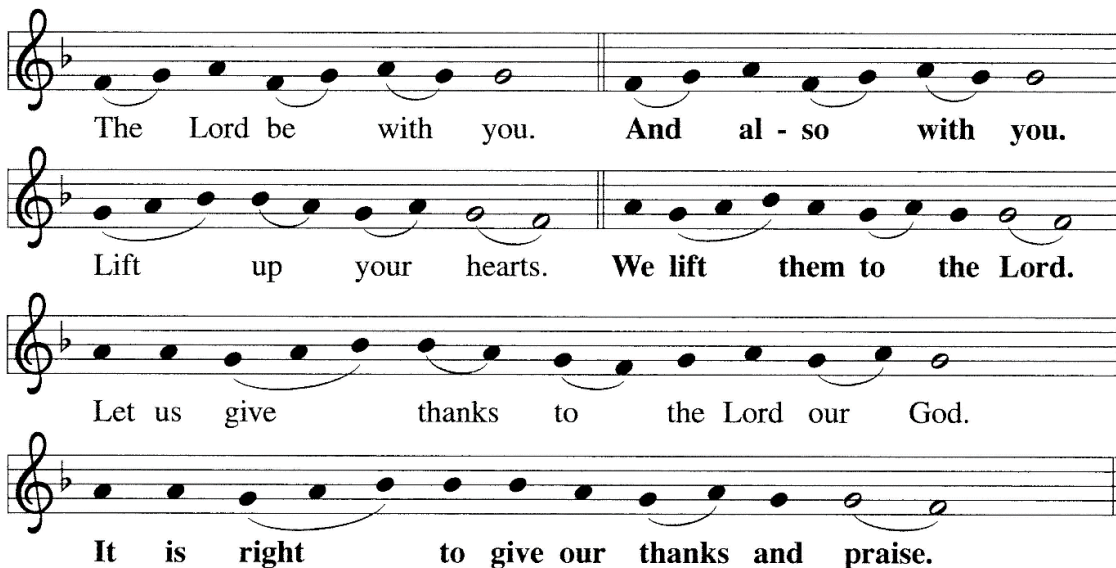
"Lamb of God"

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

OFFERING PRAYER

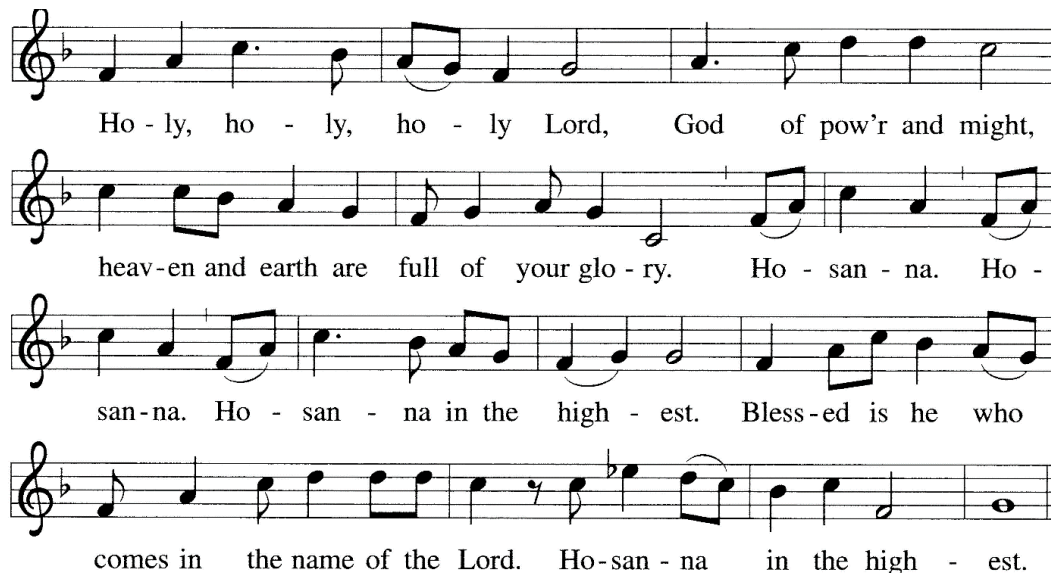
Assistant: Let us pray... **Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food, but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

It is right, our duty, and our joy... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Please SIT*

Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“At the Name of Jesus”

ELW 416



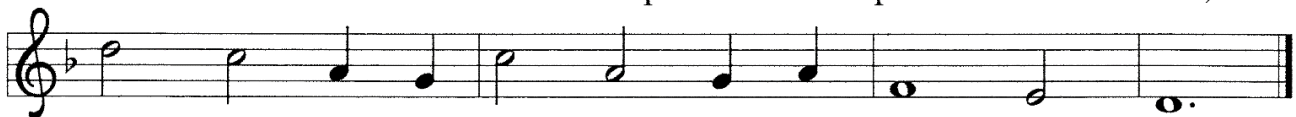
1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

“My Song is Love Unknown”

ELW 343

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of

love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to

for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

TABLE BLESSING *After the distribution please STAND as you are able*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Now, Lord”

ELW 201

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
 been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
 which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
 a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray... **Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**



SENDING

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace – in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit – now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW 338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribout

Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp + **Chalice Bearer:** Greg Martens + **Camera Operator:** Aaron Fuchs

Lector: Terry Tribout + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

Ushers: Kathy Casey & Nancy Guenther + **Safety Volunteer:** Melanie Robison

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Al Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill,
Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson,
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St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam,
Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner,
Taiylar Foppe, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber,
Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner,
Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens,
Janet Middendorf, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Fr. Mark Ohlemeier, Theresa Painter,
Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Michelle Rideout, Darrell Robinson,
Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep,
Ingrid Thompson, Toni Walston, Kris Whitley, Louise Wilson, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf,
Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Members who celebrate birthdays this week

Bella Hayes (3/28) and Larry Shurtleff (3/29)



Land Acknowledgement

The Church of St. Mark Lutheran and St. George's Episcopal is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Quapaw and Myaamia peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for March 24, 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD:

- Thursday 3/28:** 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Worship - Chapel
Friday 3/29: 12:00PM Good Friday Worship w/ Way of the Cross
7:00PM Good Friday Joint Worship
Saturday 3/30: 9:00AM Church Decorating Day – Church & Chapel

Adult Forum: *The Burials of Jesus and James*

Today we conclude our video series on *The Holy Land Revealed*. This morning's video looks at some fascinating developments regarding the history and archaeology of *The Burials of Jesus and James*.

Proclaim Christ's Resurrection with Easter Flowers!

Orders are now being taken for Easter flowers. Special envelopes can be found in the pews. Please complete the front portion of the envelope and return it, with a check or cash, to the offering box or to the office **by TOMORROW, Monday, March 25**. All dedications will be printed in the bulletin.



HOLY WEEK

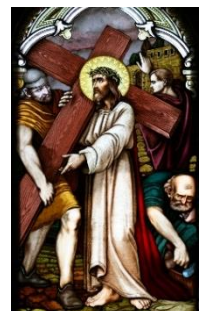
Today begins the holiest week of the year for Christians. Take this opportunity be immersed in the story of Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection - the most influential events in human history.

+ On **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** evenings at **6:00PM** in the **chapel**, St. George's hosts services of evening prayer. St. Mark members are welcome to add this prayer time to your Holy Week observances.

+ On **Maundy Thursday**, we will hear the **words of consecration for Holy Communion in Aramaic** - the language of Christ - and will have the ritual **washing of hands**. Bring your tired, dry, aching hands and experience the healing power of water poured and cross marked. Maundy Thursday worship is at **7:00PM in the chapel**.

+ On **Good Friday**, we will meet at **12 noon** in the church **courtyard** and walk the **Way of the Cross** around the block in place of the day's usual Scripture readings. We will then process into the church for the remainder of the traditional Good Friday liturgy. If you don't drive at night or are looking for a more embodied Good Friday worship experience, please make our noon service a part of your Holy Week plans.

+ At **7:00PM**, St. Mark hosts the traditional joint **liturgy with adoration of the cross** in the **church**, with Father Mark preaching.



+ Then join us at **9:00AM on Easter Sunday** for the **grandest celebration** of all!

New Courtyard Bench

Today after worship we will gather in the courtyard to dedicate a new park bench in memory of Roland Jacquot. Thank you to Frank Dressel and Janet Jacquot for facilitating the arrangements, and to Keith Kniepkamp and David Buckley for installing it! The new bench will be a fine place around which to share conversation before worship, to enjoy the blessing of the Animals service in October, and to wait comfortably for a ride near the circle drive.



Church Decorating Day

The Altar Guild is holding a **workday THIS Saturday, March 30 at 9:00AM** to prepare the church and chapel for Easter Sunday. Come on down - many hands make work light and quick!

SAVE THE DATE: April 27 BEACON Trivia Night

This year's theme is "ALMOST ANYTHING GOES." Each round will be a new subject. Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex and the Parish Hall; you may also sign up by contacting Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148. Now through April 10, seats are just \$15 payment per person. Payment can be made to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens with checks payable to BEACON Ministry. *New this year, payments may also be made via PayPal at paypal.me/BeaconMinistry*

St. Mark would love to have 2 teams participate again this year! Team members do not need to be members of St. Mark, so grab a friend or two!

St. Augustine of Canterbury - 1910 West Belle, Belleville, IL 62226

Doors open: 6:15PM; Game starts: 7:00PM

Admission: \$15 per person through April 10 (\$20 per person after 4/10).

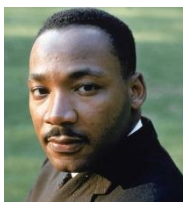
B.Y.O.S. (Bring Your Own Snacks); Beer, Wine, Soda, & Water available for purchase

SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLES AND MORE WILL ADD TO THE FUN!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to all who have designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Mark. The church has received \$1,321 in 2024. If you have Choice Dollars available through Thrivent, you can still designate them until March 31.

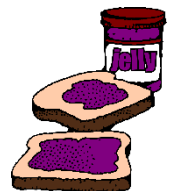


MLK, Jr. Memorial Prayer Service April 4

St. George's will host a service of **evening prayer** in memory of Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** at **7:00PM** on **Thursday, April 4**, the day of his assassination 56 years ago. **All are welcome** to attend and participate in this service of remembrance **in the chapel.**

Second Sunday Food Collection

Sunday, April 14 is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and for April we ask folks to bring **peanut butter and jelly** and **soups**. Place them in the big basket as you come into church on **April 14** (or before, if you won't be in church on 4/14). Thank you!



St. Mark Offerings for 3/17: General Fund: **\$5,730.61** (*incl. online offerings received by 3/22*); Food Pantry: \$105; Easter Flowers: \$90; ELCA Disaster Relief: \$101