

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

welcomes you!

March 3,  
2024



The Third  
Sunday  
in Lent

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

*in-person & streaming*

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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**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.

**PRELUDE**

“Meditation on 40 Days and 40 Nights”

arr. by J. Dixon

**WELCOME**

Blessed be the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit – the one God who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Please KNEEL or remain as you are. Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” ELW 645** *Please STAND*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

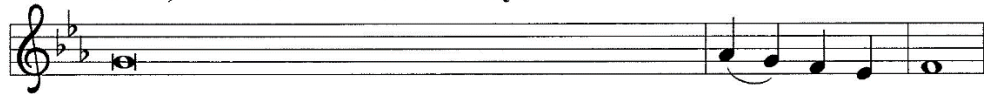
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



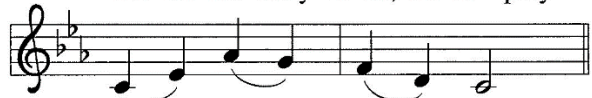
Lord, have mer - cy.



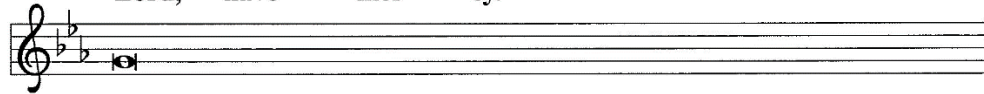
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



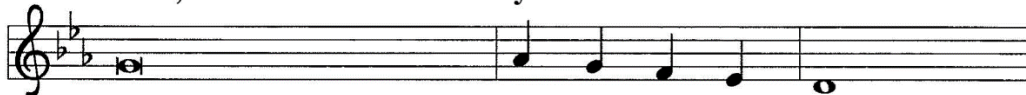
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is SEATED.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;  
<sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

<sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

**ALLELUIA VERSE** *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*

S103

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

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

**GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

<sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

<sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

*Following the Gospel, please SIT.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

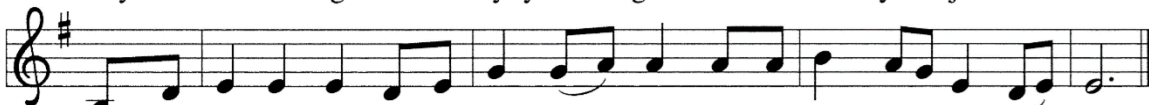


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*After final verse*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## **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 Hear us, O God, is Your mercy is great...*

**Eleanor Benton, Dave Brauer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Jan Dressel, Evelyn Duncan,  
Mary Hill, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson,  
Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinskey, Gary Weshinskey, & 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.*

**ST. MARK CHANCEL CHOIR** "Just One Touch" by Carolyn Hamlin

*Follow along with the lyrics as printed on the back page*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please STAND as you are able*

*Assistant:* Let us pray... **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 also 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 indeed right...we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:*

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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 away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **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.*

# “How Great Thou Art”

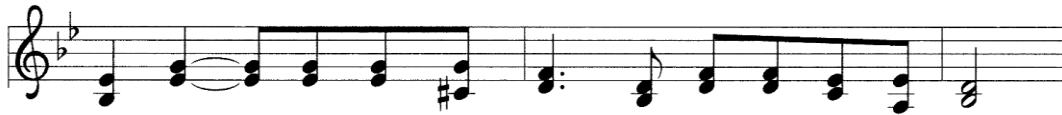
ELW 856



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion and there pro - claim, “My God, how great thou art!”



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!



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“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW 335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

*After the distribution is complete, the assembly STANDS for the blessing.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

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

**CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION**

**“Now, Lord”**

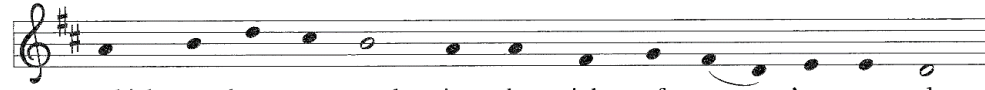
ELW 201



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:



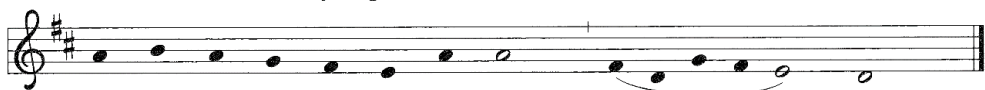
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your



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 together... **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

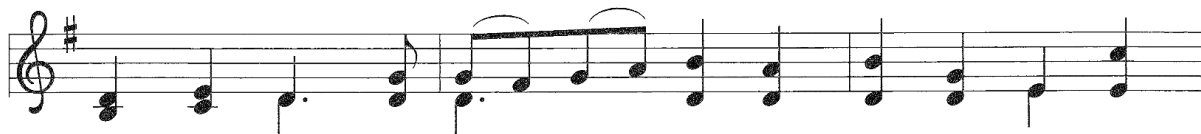
### BLESSING

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, +Son, and Holy Spirit – now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

### “God of Grace”

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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:** Greg Guenther**Crucifer:** Rex Rothgangel + **Chalice Bearer & Camera Operator:** Mike Murakami**Lector:** Charlie Duncan + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan**Ushers:** Frank Dressel & Jason Martens + **Safety Volunteer:** Cathie Shurtleff**Prayer Intentions****St. Mark Members**

Eleanor Benton, Dave Brauer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Jan Dressel, 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, Dorothy Cheek, Christine, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison,  
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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, 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

*We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:***Alison Kniepkamp** (3/4), **Gayle Hinkle** (3/8), and **Cathie Shurtleff** (3/8)***Words to today’s Choir Anthem:***

*Noisy crowds, dusty streets, hungry hearts, weary feet, all were pressing just to see the One who healed from Galilee. Through the crowd was one who moved to touch His robe, to feel His love, her hand reached out as Jesus passed. “Who touched my robe?” the Savior asked. With so many who touched Him, could one simple touch He know? Just one touch brings you to the Savior, when you call His Holy Name. On the cross where His heart was broken, He knew all your pain. In great mercy, He will cleanse you, wash our sin and make you new, through simple faith, and childlike trust, the Great Physician will heal you, too. He raised the dead, He healed the lame, blinded eyes could see again. This one who touched His robe that day found His grace, found His grace, found His healing grace. Just one touch brings you to the Savior, when you call His Holy Name. On the cross where His heart was broken, He knew all your pain. In great mercy He will cleanse you, wash your sin and make you new, through simple faith, and childlike trust, the Great Physician will heal you, too. The Great Physician will make your life brand new.*

# MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for March 3, 2024

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

- Monday 3/4:** 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
- Weds. 3/6:** 10:30AM Joint Use Committee Meeting – conference room  
6:00PM Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00PM *The Pilgrimage Way of the Cross* - church
- Thursday 3/7:** 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:15PM Voice Choir Rehearsal

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from **Tuesday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 12**. We welcome back Pastor **Wayland Middendorf** as our guest preacher and presider on March 10.

**In case of pastoral emergency**, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528**.

## Adult Forum: *Sites of the Trial and Final Hours of Jesus*

We continue with our video series on *The Holy Land Revealed*. This morning's video examines the history and archaeology of the *Sites of the Trial and Final Hours of Jesus*.

## Second Sunday Food Collection

**NEXT Sunday** is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and for this month we ask folks to bring **cereal** (family size boxes) and **canned meats** (chicken, Spam, etc.). Place them in the big basket as you come into church on **Sunday, March 10**. Thank you!



## Thank You from Evelyn

I want to thank all of you for the many cards, messages, phone calls, visits, caroling, and prayers as I journeyed back to good health. I am blessed to be able to return as your organist. A special thanks to Carol Kugler for filling in while I was out. It was truly appreciated! - *Evelyn Duncan*

## Noisy/Not-So-Noisy Change Collection TODAY

"Giving up" our loose change is a great way to observe Lent while serving our Franklin School families. As of February 16, students still owe \$3914.79 in past due lunch, snack and book fees. The Noisy/Not-so-Noisy change buckets will circulate today, **Sunday, March 3** and **next Sunday, March 10**. A bucket will also be available at the SHINE service on **Saturday, March 2**.

All donations will go to reduce student past due fees. The school staff will determine which student's accounts will be credited. Not so Noisy offerings may also be mailed to the church office with Noisy Change written on the Memo Line or be made at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR>

## Ladies Lunch Bunch!

All ladies, come join the new "Lunch Bunch" in the St. Mark Parish Hall on **Tuesday, March 12** from **11:30A-1:00P**. Please bring your own lunch and beverage this first time only. This will be an organizational meeting to make plans for monthly gatherings at various local restaurants. If you need transportation, call Peggy A. at 618-791-0992 to find a volunteer chauffeur. The more, the merrier!

## Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Come enjoy a meal of **soup and salad at 6:00PM** in the **Parish Hall this Wednesday, February 28**, before joining us in the church for evening prayer.

**Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers!** A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

## Wednesday Evening Prayer: *The Pilgrimage Way of the Cross*

During Lent we renew our commitment to the radical living out of our baptismal promises. The extended stations we pray on Wednesday evenings this year recall not only Christ's death and resurrection, but also the challenges we each face in living out the baptized life that binds us intimately to both.

As we make this pilgrimage way of the cross, we will proceed with Jesus from his baptism to his death, resurrection, and ascension. We will likewise journey spiritually to those times and places in our own lives that echo the events and meaning of Christ's way of life, death, and resurrection.

Join us **Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the church** for this thought-provoking journey with Christ.

## Church Decorating Day

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



## Discretion Regarding Sick Members

It is truly a blessing that we have so many caring people here at St. Mark. When we learn that members are having a hard time, it's not uncommon for folks to reach out to that person through cards, texts, and phone calls to show our support and to bolster their spirits. However, we should be aware that it is very easy to cross a line into being "nosy" or invasive. While the person who is struggling may very much appreciate the calls and texts, they may not be comfortable sharing exactly what is "going on" with them, which makes it awkward when a well-meaning caller asks about it. Even "how are you?" – a question we have become VERY accustomed to asking – may be difficult for the person to answer.



This is *not* meant to discourage anyone from contacting people who are going through difficult times – just an "FYI" to have some discretion when doing so. Certainly, versions of, "I was thinking about you and wanted to check-in," or "Just wanted you to know that I'm thinking of you and praying for you," *et cetera*, are perfectly appropriate and give the person the opening to share as much as they like.

Feel free to ask Pastor Brian if anyone would like some clarification. Thank you, and thanks be to God for your generosity of time and spirit.

**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 Monday, March 25**. All dedications will be printed in the bulletin.



**St. Mark Offerings for 2/25:** General Fund: **\$2,690.16** (*incl. online offerings received by 2/23*); D. Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds Maint.: \$101; S.Purdy Memorials: \$175

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>2 Saturday</b> 6:00PM SHINE worship—chapel <b>3</b> Third Sunday in Lent 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum	<b>4</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:30AM Joint Use Meeting-CR 6:00PM Soup supper 7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent	<b>7</b> 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:15PM Voice Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum	<b>11</b> 9:00AM H&W Meeting-CR	<b>12</b> 5:30PM Food Pantry Meeting	<b>13</b> 6:00PM Soup supper 7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent	<b>14</b> 1:30P Evangelism 6:15P Bell Choir 7:15P Voice Ch.	<b>15</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>16</b>
<i>Pastor out of town</i>						
<b>17 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Monumental Tombs in the Time of Jesus</i>	<b>18</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church Council Mtg.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00PM Soup supper 7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent	<b>21</b> 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:15PM Voice Choir	<b>22</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>23</b> 9:30AM Lenten Quiet Day at ToddHall
<b>24 Palm/Passion Sunday</b> 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>The Burials of Jesus &amp; James</i>	<b>25</b> 6:00PM St. G's Evening Prayer—chapel	<b>26</b> 6:00PM St. G's Evening Prayer	<b>27</b> 6:00PM St. G's Evening Prayer <i>Holy Week</i>	<b>28</b> 7:00PM: Maundy Thurs. worship—chapel	<b>29</b> 12:00PM: Good Friday worship with the Way of the Cross 7:00PM: Good Friday Worship	<b>30</b>
<b>31 The Resurrection of Our Lord</b> 9:00AM Festival Liturgy for Easter Sunday						

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Camera Operator</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
<b>Mar. 3</b>	Greg G.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 1
<b>Mar. 10</b>	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Missy K.	Team 2
<b>Mar. 17</b>	Sherrri E.	Curtis D.	Greg M.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 3
<b>Mar. 24</b>	Danielle T.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Melanie R.	Team 4
<b>Mar. 28</b> <i>Holy Thurs</i>		Jan L.	Charlie D.	Greg M.	TBD	TBD	TBD	NA
<b>Mar. 29</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	Greg G.	Missy K.	St. G's	NA	TBD	TBD	TBD	NA
<b>Mar. 31</b> <i>Easter</i>	Greg M.	Jan R.	Greg M.	Mike M.	Melanie R.	TBD	Mark B.	NA



Alison K.	3/4	Gayle H.	3/8	Cathie S.	3/8
Sue P.	3/14	Aria H.	3/14	Diane K.	3/16
Nathan P.	3/16	Elizabeth B.	3/17	Renee S.	317
Tucker D.	3/17	Tina P.	3/18	Ken T.	3/20
Kylie M.	3/20	Allison B.	3/21	Sis B.	3/23
Amanda K.	3/23	Bella H.	3/28	Larry S.	3/29
Jackie W.	3/31				



happy anniversary  
Mike & Missy K. 3/21