

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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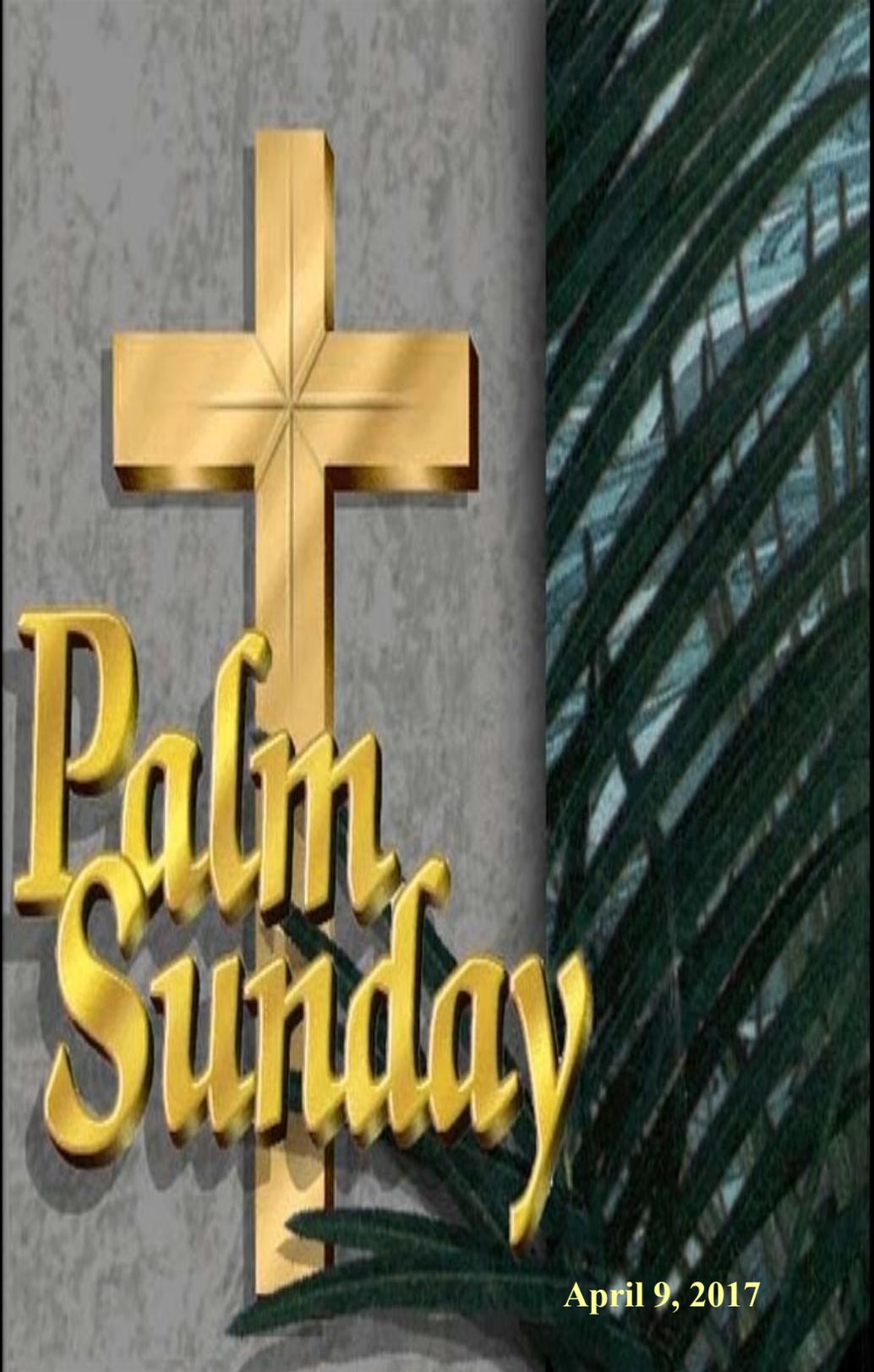
This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Catechism Class 5:30 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
- Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm
- Friday - Good Friday 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 P. Dinges Sec. 2 Dorn
- Sunday - Easter Service 7:00 am & 10:00 am
- Breakfast Served 8:00 am—9:30 am
- Monday - No Worship Service

We will not have communion on Easter Sunday. We will offer it on Sunday April 23rd.

Thank you! I want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers for my recent surgery. The surgery was successful and my recovery is going good. Your prayers are working and greatly appreciated. God is truly good! *Marcia Gartzke*

Parsonage Roof—We are planning on tearing off shingles on May 5 and replacing them on the 6. If you are able to help out and have any tools that we could use that would be wonderful. Please talk to Blake Baumann 402-750-0374 or someone on the council.



Palm
Sunday

April 9, 2017

Hail to the Victor

HYMN: CW 131 vs. 1-3

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: His love endures forever.

M: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God our Father has set forth the ways in which we are supposed to live, yet even at our best we cannot come close to the perfection he expects. So we come before Him in humility and seek his forgiveness.

St. Mark News and Notes

Nursery At St. Mark, we love children and encourage their worship, too! In the foyer, we have some children's busy bags hanging from hooks that you are most welcome to use in church. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you're welcome to use our nursery. Ask an usher to lead you there. Most of us have or have had young children, so you're with caring people who understand what it's like to have little ones.

Building Fund: If you would like to give specifically to the new school building, please write "New Building Fund" on the envelope to be sure that the money is allocated correctly. Put the envelope in the offering plate.

Birthdays— Stacy Fehlman 4/9, Rich Beltz 4/10, Larry Hans 4/12, Abby Hodges 4/14 **Anniversary**—Jesse & Janine Theiler 4/14

VBS will take place at St. Mark on June 26-30 from 6-8 pm, with a supper each evening from 5:30-6:00 pm. The kids will enjoy crafts, music, God's Word, fellowship, and recreation. VBS is for ages 3-13. At this time we are looking for individuals to help out this year. If you are interested, please contact Samfrances Daharsh (402) 419-9990, sstamps56@gmail.com, or Jarod Wilkinson (402) 470-7073, jdw1996@hotmail.com. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

Ushers: Mark Schwede, Eric Richert (E) Rich Beltz, Jeff Schmidt (L)

Greeters: Carolyn Schwede (E) Bev & Rich Randazzo (L)

Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

Easter Flowers - The Ladies Aid will be purchasing Easter lilies, tulips and mums for the altar. If anyone is interested in helping to purchase these flowers, a freewill donation will be accepted. Please make checks out to Elfi Lee and give to her, or put it in her church mailbox by April 2.

Spring Cleaning: Our annual Spring indoor and outdoor cleaning will be on Saturday, April 22 starting at 8:30 am.

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1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; With
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; The
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake The



ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne. A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown. The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt he pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries. The
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

- C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking and doing. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you command. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us because of the obedience of Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive us for all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve you faithfully.

Silence for personal confession

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

- M: You who have humbly confessed your sins before Almighty God, be strengthened in faith, remembering that He does not want any sinner to die, but would rather have him turn from his evil ways and live. God has commanded his called ministers to declare the forgiveness of sins to all who are penitent. Your sins have been covered up by the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ, your Savior. Therefore by the command and in the stead of Christ our King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

**All glory, laud, and honor
 To you, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.
 To you before your passion
 They sang their hymns of praise;
 To you, now high exalted,
 Our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honor
 To you, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.
 As you received their praises,
 Accept the prayers we bring,
 O Source of ev'ry blessing,
 Our good and gracious King.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.
C: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON **Zechariah 9:9-10**

HYMN: CW 363 (verses 1-2) **The King of Glory Comes**

SECOND LESSON **Philippians 2:5-11**

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

HYMN: CW 363 (verses 3-4) **The King of Glory Comes**

GOSPEL **Matthew 21:1-11**

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN: CW 133 **Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

SERMON

M: Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear: We dedicate ourselves...
C: to REACH all the world with the Gospel of Jesus, to TEACH all according to His saving Word, and to REJOICE in the salvation that Christ has won for us all.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN: CWS 716 (pg. 10) **No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet**



Please remember in your prayers...

- Shirley Zacherson
- Tammy Koepsell, Wendy Colson & Eric Richert's sister
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew

C: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

M: You are in control of all things for the good of your believers.

C: He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

M: You are King of kings and Lord of lords. We await the day of your coming with readiness and joy!

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

M: You are our Comforter, Counselor, our Helper and our Guide.

C: the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

M: We are your Church, O Lord, declared holy through faith and united in faith in Jesus!

C: the forgiveness of sins

M: Holy Spirit, through faith you connect us to Jesus' finished work on the cross, by which we are forgiven.

C: the resurrection of the body,

M: You will raise our bodies in glory on the Last Day, just like Jesus' body.

C: and the life everlasting.

M: Through faith, you give us the certainty of living in heaven forever with you.

C: You are our merciful Triune God! We praise your name for ever! Amen!

CLOSING DIALOGUE

M: We leave God's house strengthened once again to worship him throughout the week until we meet here again. We continually reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that God's Son made for us.

C: By his wounds, we are healed!



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, You have sent forth Your only Son to redeem Your captive people from their sin and the power of death by means of His suffering, death and resurrection.

C: Keep us in the solemn remembrance of our Lord's Passion so that we may be moved to repentance and strengthened in faith until He comes again.

M: Almighty God, as once the people welcomed Your Son with palms and hosannas, grant to us Your Spirit so that we may welcome with faith Him who comes in the name of the Lord. Grant us grace so that we may make known Jesus Christ and Him crucified here and throughout the world.

C: So that Your Kingdom may come and Your saving will and purpose may be done.

- M:** Almighty God, as You have done, so continue to raise up faithful pastors, missionaries and church workers, that Your Word may be preached and taught in all its fullness. Grant Your Spirit to renew the faithful, bring those in darkness to faith by the hearing of Your Word.
- C:** **Help us to manifest Your love and mercy in all our doings.**
- M:** Almighty God, You grant growth to Your Church, and You bring to fruit all that You have begun within Your people. Help us to keep focused upon the word of the cross.
- C:** **For it is the power of our salvation and the Word that endures forever.**
- M:** Almighty God, Your Son bore all our weakness, sin and death in His body, that we may be granted grace sufficient for all our needs.
- C:** **Hold us in Your hand, bind up our wounds and deliver us from all our needs, that we may know Your perfect peace.**
- M:** Almighty God, open our hearts to welcome others as You have welcomed us into Your presence, and make us mindful of those whose disability or illness requires special care. Give us understanding so that we may not judge but serve those with mental infirmity.
- C:** **Give us patience so that we may be slow to anger and quick to forgive and so sustain our unity in the affection of Christ.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- M:** Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M:** Finally, let us pray boldly and give testament to our fervent prayer and confident hope with the amen of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- M:** O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...
- C:** **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.**

HYMN: CW 130

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Confession of Faith

- C:** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
- M:** Lord God, we exalt you as our Maker, Creator of the universe, the One who protects and sustains us every day.
- C:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
- M:** Lord Jesus, you are God's only Son, and our only Lord.
- C:** **He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**
- M:** Jesus, you are Son of Man and Son of God, 100% God and 100% human.
- C:** **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**
- M:** You gave your life willingly for the sins of the world, and so you are the Savior and Redeemer of the world!
- C:** **He descended into hell.**
- M:** You proclaimed your victory over sin, death and hell itself.
- C:** **On the third day he rose again.**
- M:** Hallelujah! You are the Resurrection and the Life! You are victorious!