

We invite you to send cards to our homebound & shut-in members of St. Mark's and wish them a Happy Easter!!

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**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**APRIL 13, 2025—PALM SUNDAY**

**Prelude** "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Choral Introit** (10:30 service)

**Gathering and Processional Gospel of Luke 19:28-40** (insert)

**Blessing of the Palms** (insert)

**Processional Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" # 344

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

**Noah's Park Children's Church** (10:30 service)

**Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 31:9-10, 13-16** (page 2 of bulletin)

**Philippians 2:5-11 and Luke 6:31-36** (pages 3 & 4 of bulletin)

**Message** "Treat Others as You Want Them to Treat You"

**Hymn** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" # 335

**Apostles' Creed, Intercessory Prayers, The Peace** (pages 105-106)

**Musical Meditation (8:00 service)** "*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*"

**Offering: offering boxes, website, text 419-273-9947**

**Offertory** **Adult Choir**

**Holy Communion** (8:00 service; pages 107-109)

**Lord's Prayer** (page 112)

**Blessing & Dismissal** (pages 114-115)

**Meal Prayer** (10:30 service)

**Hymn** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" # 325

**Doxology Sung by the Congregation** **HYMN #884**

**Postlude** "*Mighty Are Thy Works, O Lord*"

**YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER AFTER 10:30 SERVICE**

### Prayer of Illumination

R: Before reading from the Bible, we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit that we become receptive to the life-giving Word which comes to us through both the reading and proclamation of Scripture.

C: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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### Isaiah 50:4-9a      The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

<sup>4</sup> The 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 awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The 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; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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### Psalm 31:9-10, 13-16      A Psalm of David

R: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

C: **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; My strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

R: For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C: **But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."**

R: My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

C: **Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

**Card Ministry:** If you know of someone that is sick or in the hospital, or has lost a loved one, or just to let them know they are being thought of, please let me know so a card may be sent to them. They do not have to attend our church. It could be a friend or a co worker etc. You may contact me by phone or text at 419-771-0795 or email [ahickerson55@gmail.com](mailto:ahickerson55@gmail.com). Alicia Hickerson

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, **APRIL 27, 2025 immediately following the one worship service at 9:30. THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING.** A copy of the Annual Report for 2024 will be available to pick up at St. Mark's on March 30, April 6, 13, 20, and 27 and is also attached to this email. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office. At this meeting, we will be voting on members for Church Council. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting for individuals to be elected to a three-year term. Monica Campbell (incumbant), Kiersten Roehm, and Kurt Muntzinger have agreed to run this year. Additionally, at this meeting we will be voting on the proposal of the updated By-Laws for St. Mark's, voting on the stated recommendations by the Outreach Committee for the \$ 22,500 Farm Fund and the \$4,000 Non-designated Investment Income for total outreach funds of \$26,500 in 2025. We will also be voting on the ratification (2nd vote) of the updated St. Mark's Constitution and for approval of the Annual Reports for 2024. Hard copies of By-laws, By-laws Highlight of Changes Document, Constitution, 2024 Annual Report, and Outreach recommendations are available at the church.

**Immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting there will be a meal in the fellowship hall provided by our kitchen ladies.** The meal and drinks are provided. Members should bring a salad or dessert. See you Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the service, meeting and luncheon.

**Reminders:** *Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND The deadline for May newsletter is **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.*

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**Youth Spaghetti Dinner:** TODAY, after the 10:30 service the High School Youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in the fellowship hall for dining in. Carry-out containers will also be available. The \$8 meal will consist of spaghetti, corn, breadstick, and drink (eat in only). The funds raised from this event will go towards the Dominican Republic Mission Trip in June. Thank you for your support of our High School Youth.

**Upcoming High School Youth Fundraising Events!** Don't forget about the Spaghetti Dinner TODAY after late service in the Fellowship Hall. See article above. We hope to see you there!

**CAR WASH:** April showers brings May flowers and a car wash to rid your car of all the grit and grime! The high school youth will be having a **free will donation car wash DURING both services on Sunday, May 4** with a rain date of Sunday, May 18. More details to follow!

Our **LAST** Sunday of **Fried Pie Sales will be Sunday, May 18.** Stock up as they freeze well.

Thank you for all your support of our High School Youth and mission work. To God be the Glory!

## **2025 St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale Year!:**

Spring is here, so if you are cleaning out or re-organizing your closets, storage areas or garage, remember the St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale is coming up in August. Please consider setting aside your "good" but no longer needed items (*sorry, NOT accepting clothes*) for donation to our garage sale. Future Sunday bulletins will let you know when to start bringing your items to the church. The Garage Sale proceeds support "Kids Against Hunger" rice kits. Thank you, Joan, Karan & Sue



**CHURCH BELLS UPDATE:** The bells and chime stand are now at Verdon Bell in Cincinnati. Verdon Bell is scheduled to begin work on our project sometime after Easter.

## **Philippians 2:5-11 The Resurrection**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service)**

Return to the Lord, you God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Good news in Luke's gospel.

C: **Glory To you O Lord!**

### **Luke 6:31-36 Treat Others as You Want Them to Treat You**

<sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025—PALM SUNDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:00 a.m. *Fried Pie Sales***
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park
- 11:35 a.m. *Fried Pie Sales***
- 11:35 a.m. *Youth Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall***

**MONDAY**

- 5:15 p.m. *Crisis Care Meeting—Gathering Place***

**TUESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers
- 3:30 p.m. *Handbell Choir Practice***
- 7:00 p.m. *Church Council Meeting***

**WEDNESDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. *Brewed Expressions***  
*NO Youth & Kids Mtg.—Holy Week*
- 6:30 p.m. *Brothers & Brews***

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 11:30 a.m. *Community Luncheon in Fellowship Hall***
- 12:00 p.m. *Holy Communion Service with Livestream***
- 6:00 p.m. Cornhole
- 7:30 p.m. *Holy Communion Service with Choir***

**FRIDAY**

- 8:00 p.m. *Tenebrae Service of Shadows with Choir***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025—EASTER SUNDAY**

- 7:00 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Communion Service***
- 8:00 a.m. *Coffee Hour***  
*NO Sunday School*
- 10:30 a.m. *Easter Holy Communion Service***
- 10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park

THE ALTAR FLOWERS  
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Marlene Freund and other departed loved ones  
by John Freund and family.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK**

- Greeters..... (8:00) ..... Bob Evans
- Lector..... (8:00) ..... Jana Ringwald
- Communion Servers ... (8:00) ..... Jana Ringwald & Wes Thompson
- Coffee Hour ..... (8:00) ..... Ringwald
- Greeters..... (10:30) ..... Roger Overholt
- Lector..... (10:30) ..... Amy McConn
- Acolyte..... (10:30) ..... Maci Bash-Stauffer

**Scholarship Applications are due in the office by May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**HOLY WEEK**



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Services at 12:00 noon  
with Livestream & 7:30 PM April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Livestream at  
8:00 PM April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 7:00 AM Holy Communion Service
- 8:00 AM Coffee Hour
- NO Sunday School**
- 10:30 AM Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 AM Noah’s Park



**Geraniums Available for Planting at Church:** We are



offering **45** pre-ordered red geraniums to purchase in honor or in memory of family, someone special or just a friend. These geraniums are ordered from the YWCA to assist their fundraising efforts. They are first come first serve and are for planting in front of the church only. They are not available to take home. The **order deadline (or until they are all spoken for) is May 11<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is **\$4 per 4 1/2” pot**. Order envelopes are on the Gathering Place information table and cloak room table. Make checks payable to St. Mark’s. Thank you

## GATHERING

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

**Luke 19:28-40**

### **Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”.

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of the Lord.**