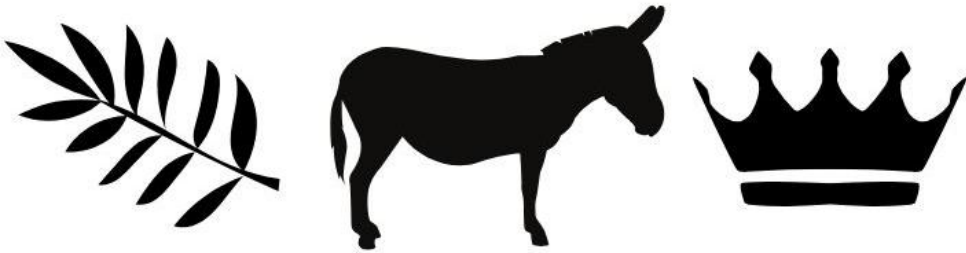


Hosanna!



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

Members and guests: Please fill out a **Connection Card** which allows us to keep in touch, remember names, and answer any questions you might have. They are available under the wooden boxes on the walls in the lobby and may be placed in the box when filled out. Thank you!

LARGE PRINT copies of the service can be found at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our pastor.

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Hosanna to the King of Kings

Choir

Let the gates be lifted open, let the trumpet sound to welcome him.
Let the path be laid before him, for the King of Glory comes.
Lift your palm branches high; the Messiah comes this blessed day.
Let hosannas fill the sky. Come, rejoice with shouts of praise!

Let the people sing hosanna as he rides into Jerusalem.
Let the people sing hosanna with praise to the one who triumphantly
comes,
Hosanna to the King of kings.

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The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked,
“Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Blue hymnal 511



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, abr., alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893, Text and tune: Public domain

Welcomed into the Family of God

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

And also with you!

People of God, your King has come! And he came to save. Jesus rode victoriously into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday knowing he would face the cross and die. And he rode on, because he was determined to save us from our sins. As we confess our sins, we leave them at the cross, trusting in Jesus, our Savior and King.

Holy and merciful Lord, I acknowledge my need to be saved. Left to myself, I would have been lost, never able to pay the debt I owed because of my sin. Thank you, God, for never giving up on me. Thank you for Jesus, who rescued me! I trust in him as my perfect Savior.

In his amazing love, Jesus left his throne in heaven to die on the cross. He was punished in your place. He came back to life and gives you his perfect record. Because of Jesus, you are forgiven! Your guilt is removed forever. By believing in him, all is well with you and God. You are loved and welcomed home as God's holy child: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

Prayer

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms 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.

God's Word

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Children's Message

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Blue hymnal 411



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won-d'ring eyes to see th'_ap-proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

Message from God's Word

Zechariah 9:9-10

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Your King Comes to You

Statement of Faith

“We Praise You, O God”

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting! Amen.

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Bible teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and other Christians, united by a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask those who have made that public confession of faith by being a member St. Mark's or another WELS or ELS church come forward for Communion. Guests, please speak with our pastor to learn more, and we look forward to communing with you in the future.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

The ushers will direct those receiving Communion up the center aisle, returning down the outer aisle. You may receive a wafer in your hand from the Communion assistant. Those who require a gluten-free wafer may take one from the assistant's smaller tray. Tinted cups in the center of the wine trays contain grape juice. Your empty cup can be placed on the backside of the rail. When at the rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the pew, please let an usher or the pastor know.

Come, O Precious Ransom, Come

vs. 1, 3, 4



1 Come, O pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly Hope for
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail, ho - san na, Da - vid's Son! Help, Lord; hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
ceive, I pray you. Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let your king - dom, scep - ter, crown



O - pen are to you all por - tals. Come, your beau - ty
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay you, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion That for - ev - er



let us view; Anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
will em - brace, Lord, your mer - it through your grace.
we may sing Hail, ho - san - na! to our King.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

My Song Is Love Unknown

Blue hymnal 397 sts. 1-3, 5, 7



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 they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -
7 Here might I stay and sing; no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would
sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their
way. A mur - der - er they save, the Prince of life they
vine, nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes
thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
who at my need his life did spend!
and for his death they thirst and cry.
that he his foes from death might free.
I all my days could glad - ly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683, alt.

Tune: John N. Ireland, 1879–1962

Text and tune: Public domain

The Beginning of Holy Week

He rode into Jerusalem to shouts of “Hosanna!” The crowds cheered for their king. But he knew it was the city that would kill him. On Friday, the crowds would shout, “Crucify!” And he still rode on. To Jerusalem. To betrayal. To unlawful arrest. To torture and beatings. To ridicule and shame. To be executed by crucifixion. On Sunday, as he entered the city in majesty, he knew Friday was coming. And he still rode on. He willingly went forth. For you. It was the only way to rescue you. To take your sins away. He gave up the glory and faced the cross. To suffer and die. To endure the worst of hell’s punishment and agony and pain. So you can go free. So you can be God’s child. So you can live forever. At the beginning of Holy Week, survey that wondrous cross. Praise God for love so amazing, so divine!

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Blue hymnal 407



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt. Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872. Text and tune: Public domain

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Jeri Reed

Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

Altar flowers: Altar flowers today are given by the Worship Arts Committee (WAC).

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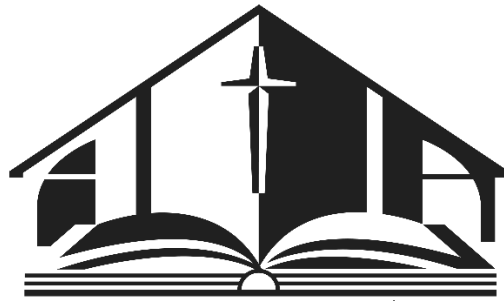
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	LWMS Misson Box Offering Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Holy Thursday Service
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
	2:00 p.m.	School Early Dismissal
	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	LWMS Mission Box Offering Easter Sunday Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Easter Brunch

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
John Healy	<i>Mar 29</i>	
Norma Carson	<i>Mar 30</i>	
Greg Meyer		
Linda Black	<i>Apr 4</i>	Jason & Melissa Hioco



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