
SUNDAY OF PASSION

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

*Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 *You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain*

2 *The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain*

3 *The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain*

4 *To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain*

5 *As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain*

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new

life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**C Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

**C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia and Verse ♪

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

Mark 15:1–47

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in

homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments
strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky

- Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Sermon

Rite of Confirmation

Luke Kraus

An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
2 Timothy 2:5

Breven Rubach

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalms 37:4

Lynlee Rubach

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Romans 12:12

Lilly Sickling

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the
tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.
Revelation 22:14

Alex Welten

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

Offering

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work,

cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Stand **Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of Christ, that her faith would remain fixed upon His death for our salvation, and that His Gospel would be proclaimed and lived out until He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the world, that the Lord would uphold it in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that God would bless parents and children in service toward each other and faith until life's end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a mind like Christ Jesus to spurn all worldly equality, that we would humble ourselves here and find His greater portion in the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who suffer in this world, [*especially* _____,] that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For worthy reception of Christ's body and blood, that as He once entered Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna," so we may receive Him according to His promises for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into

death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

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| <p>1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.</p> | <p>2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.</p> |
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Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit Distribution Hymns

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.</p> <p>2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,</p> <p>3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.</p> <p>4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.</p> | <p>5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.</p> <p>6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.</p> <p>7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.</p> <p>8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.</p> |
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Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343

1 *Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story:*

*Refrain Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!*

2 *God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain*

3 *Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain*

4 *His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain*

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Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

*Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

1 *Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain*

2 *Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain*

3 *All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain*

4 *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain*

5 *Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain*

6 *So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

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1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

Verse 2

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

Verse 3

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

Verse 4

*No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar

Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

- for those on vicarage from our partner seminaries, that God would bless their time in the field as part of their education.
- for seminarians' wives, that they would be prepared to support their husband's call into ministry.
- for seminarians' children, that they rejoice in the Gospel and in their father's calling.

Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Palm Sunday, 3/24	Exodus 8:1-32; Hebrews 1:1-14
Monday, 3/25	Exodus 9:1-28; Hebrews 2:1-18
Tuesday, 3/26	Exodus 9:29-10:20; Hebrews 3:1-19
Wednesday, 3/27	Exodus 10:21-11:10; Hebrews 4:1-16
Thursday, 3/28	Exodus 12:1-28; Hebrews 5:1-14
Friday, 3/29	Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Hebrews 6:1-20
Saturday, 3/30	Exodus 13:17-14:9; Hebrews 7:1-22

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir—Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Men's Musings Bible Class—Thursdays @ 6:03 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—April 11, 10 a.m.

All Bible Studies are canceled beginning Palm Sunday thru Easter Sunday.

Lent/Easter Service Schedule

- March 28 Maundy Thursday w/ Communion
@ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church (No Meal)
- March 29 Good Friday w/ Tenebrae
@ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church (No Meal)
- March 30** **No Service on Saturday**
- March 31 Easter Sunrise @ 6:30 a.m.—Location to be decided.
(Weather Dependent)
Easter Service w/ Communion
@ 9:00 a.m. @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Blanket Makers

We have begun making blankets again. This year we are located in the church office meeting room. We meet on Tuesdays @ 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us, sewing experience is not required.

Chicken Dinner—Cancelled

Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls

The deadline has passed and the orders will be available on Friday, March 29 between 3:30-5:00 p.m. Pick up will be a drive thru by St. Mark's School office. We are thankful for your continued support.

Mark Your Calendars

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

150th Anniversary Celebration/Organ Dedication

Saturday, April 13, 6:00 p.m. & Sunday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Bill Engfehr, Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Art Eichhorn, Guest Organist

Special Voters' Assembly

April 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

More Information to Follow



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Venmo Giving

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The Dual Parish of Immanuel/St. Paul's Invites local veterans and their families To participate in Operation Barnabas!

- Who:** All Military Veterans & Family Members
What: Weekly conversations about transitioning from military to civilian life.
Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 11854 Wine Hill Road, Steeleville, IL 62288
When: Saturdays at Noon
How: Small group discussions about "lessons learned" in going from "GI Joe to Civilian Joe"
Lead by: Pastor Mark Sedwick

Easter Egg Fillers Needed

We need candy (no chocolate) to fill Easter Eggs for our Egg Hunt.

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2024, to direct any remaining 2023 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support St. Mark's Lutheran Church and/or St. Mark's Lutheran School. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapel: Join us for chapel on Wednesday at 8:25 a.m. @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church (weather permitting).

School Schedule

Monday, April 25th at 12:45 pm—High School registration for 8th graders attending Steeleville High School

Tuesday, March 26th at 6 pm—SMLS Science and Art Fair will be in the Gym.

Thursday, March 28th – Monday, April 1st—Easter Break

Friday, April 5—11:15 early dismissal

Friday, April 5—6-8pm Western Dance for Steeleville and St. Marks Jr. High (Grades 6,7,8) Students. The Dance will be in the Grade School Gym. Entry fee is \$1 or a canned good.

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St. Mark's Lutheran School Class of 2024 Honorees

Alex Welten, Valedictorian

Katelynn Vallett, 7th Grade Marshall

JJ Underwood, Salutatorian

Roselene Huey, 7th Grade Marshall

Owen Kueker, Historian

Congratulations to our Young Authors winners: Emma Rieckenberg, Sophie Rieckenberg, and Amelia Spiller.

DAR American History contest first place was won by Katelynn Vallett. She will travel to Bloomington in April to receive her State First Place award. Easton Jones and Emma Rieckenberg received Excellent Essay Honors.

Track Practice—Monday—Thursday thru March 27th from 3:15-4:30pm at St. Marks's School.

St. Mark's Dinner Auction

Saturday, April 27 @ 5 p.m.

@ Steeleville Legion Large Hall

Tickets are on sale now through April 13 for \$40. Dinner will be 5:30-6:30pm. Oral Auction 7:30pm. If your group wishes to be seated together, please RSVP in the same envelope and list all members in your group. For questions call or text Natalie Spiller 618-317-1104 or Stephanie Hecht 618-713-7171.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.