



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025



***Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community***

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In Worship Today...

Blessed By Praise: The Triumphal Entry

Prelude: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Welcome | Children's Message | Processional* with Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 *Pew Bible p.492*

Blessing of the Palms | Processional Song: **Hosanna/Blessed Be Your Name**

Prayer of the Day

Zechariah 9:9-12 *Pew Bible p.773*

Gospel Acclamation: **Lenten** ELW p.189 | Luke 19:29-40 *Pew Bible p.854*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** ELW 344 vv1,3,5

Nicene Creed | Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace | Offering: **Hear Our Praises**

Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy** ELW p. 207

Distribution: **Hymn of Heaven**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion | Benediction

Recessional Hymn: **Let Streams of Living Justice***

Dismissal | Postlude: Partita on "Thaxted" arr. Jeffrey Blersch

**Worship this morning will include the use of incense*

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Diana Rhodes | Lector: Kris Strobe | Acolyte: Edith Sieja

Thurifer: Andy Sieja | Crucifer: Rob Caple | Bible Bearer: Andrew Caple

Ushers: Brian Hackenberg & Butch Lloyd | Tech Volunteer: Lara Sieja

Communion Assistants: Edith Sieja, Andy Sieja, Andrew Caple, Rob Caple

Coffee Host: Andy Sieja

St. Mark's Celebrates Open Communion

which means none are turned away from Christ's table. We believe Christ is fully present in the bread and wine, and no less present in our gluten-free and alcohol-free options. If you wish instead to receive a blessing, you may signify this by crossing your arms over your chest.

We Welcome the Joy, Laughter, Sights, and Sounds of Children in Worship!

There are children's activity bulletins and worship activity bags available - just ask our ushers. If a moment out of the sanctuary is needed, a toy-filled nursery and changing table are available too, however, we ask that an adult family member stay present at all times.

By the Numbers: April 6, 2025

Attendance

In Person Worship: 160 | Online Views: 88

Child & Youth Sunday School: 29 | Adult Sunday School: 24

Lenten Wednesday, April 2, 2025

6:30pm Worship: 38

General Offerings Last Week

Last Week: \$16,702 | YTD: \$182,365 | 2025 Budget: \$787,899

For your convenience, online giving can be accessed through this QR Code:



This Week We are Praying for...

Farmers, business owners, consumers, and all affected by fluctuations in global trade | The newly sober and for all in recovery | St. Mark's community as we journey through Holy Week together in worship and fellowship | areas affected by severe weather in the midwestern and southern United States | And those named by our Prayer Ministry, especially Jeanne, Jim, Susan, Margot, Elwin, Dorothy, Carrie, Suzy, Frank, and the family of Mercedes Martinez.

A Prayer Ministry email filled with joys, concerns, and sorrows sent weekly on Wednesday; if you would like to receive this email, please contact prayer@stmarkshsv.org Prayer cards are available in the pews to share your joys and concerns and can be placed in the offering plate.

First Communion Class—Today!!

Targeted primarily towards our fourth and fifth graders, we will meet today at 1 pm. Class time is approximately 2 hours. Any others who are ready for their first communion are welcome; please let Traci know if you are interested.

Seder Meal—Today is the Last Day to Get a Ticket!

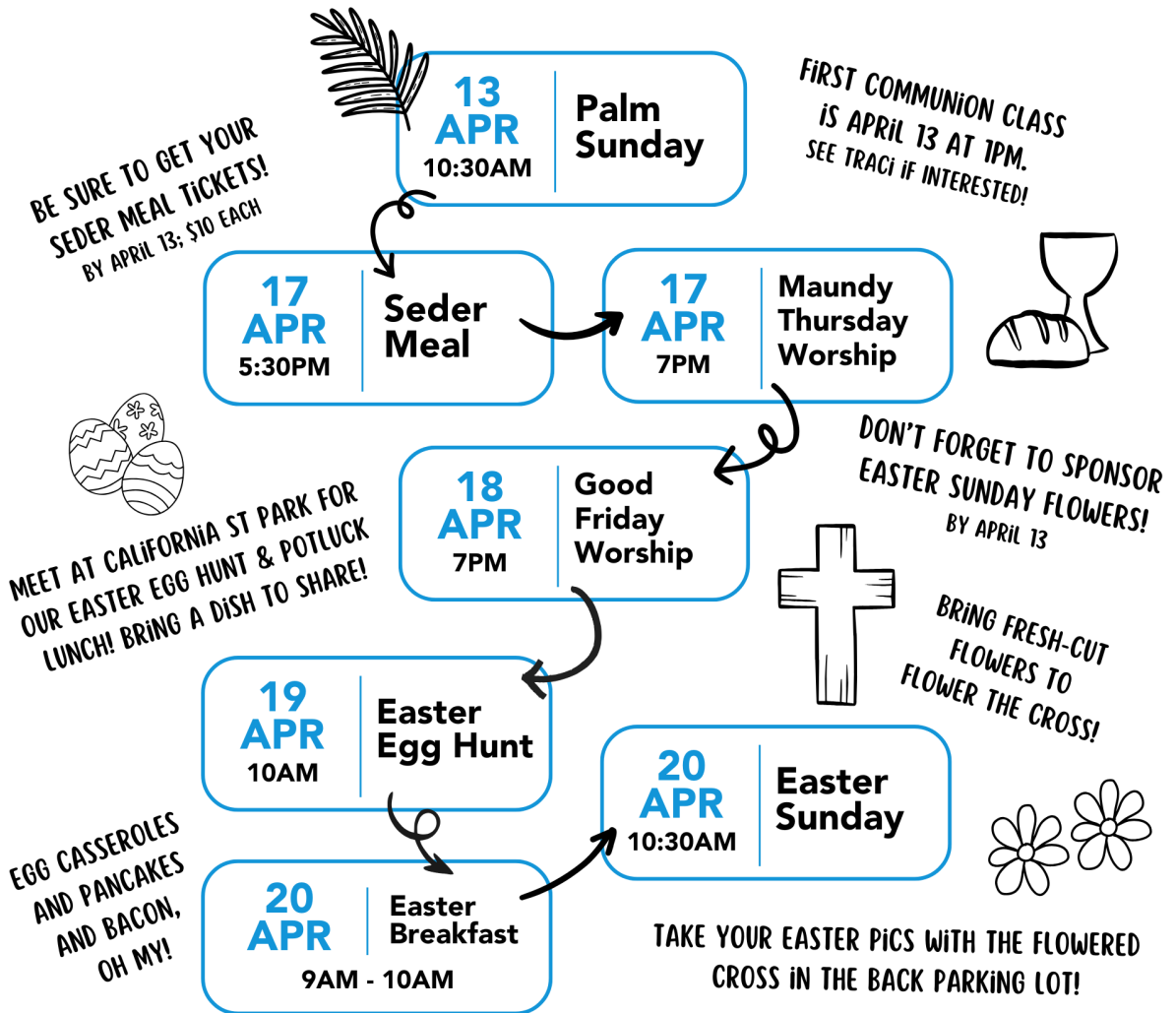
On Maundy Thursday, April 17, beginning promptly at 5:30pm, join us for our version of a Passover Seder, a ritual meal in celebration of the Last Supper (and our First Communicants!) Tickets for the event must be pre-purchased. Cost: \$10 each. Tickets are available through April 13 in the church office during the week, online, and in the narthex on Sundays.

Last Day to Sponsor Easter Flowers

Would you like to sponsor a potted plant to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning? Plants will vary depending on availability; past flowers have included tulips, a variety of lilies, hyacinths, and geraniums. Each sponsorship is \$15. Please use an available "flower envelope" to place in the offering plate or online via St. Mark's giving page. Everyone is welcome to take their plants home following the worship service on Easter morning.

Holy Week

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