



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026



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

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In Worship Tonight...

Hosanna, Save Us Lord: Gathered Around a Table

Prelude: Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness with Hand Washing

Sharing of the Peace

Lenten Gospel Acclamation | Matthew 26:17-29

Homily

Hymn of the Day: **Where Charity and Love Prevail**

Prayers of Intercession

Offering: Esurientes *Choir*

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

Offertory Response: **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** | Offertory Prayer

*Communion Liturgy with **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Distribution: **For Everyone Born**

Table Blessing | Prayer after Communion

John 17:25-18:1

Stripping of the Altar: **Stay with Me**

Congregation Departs in Silence

**Worship this evening includes the use of incense*



Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Shandry Peugeot | Acolyte: Lizzie Carter

Ushers: Jim French & Rob Caple | AV Tech: Edith Sieja

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

There are children's 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.

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.

The Great Commandment & Hand Washing

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word “mandatum,” which means mandate or commandment. The commandment is from John’s Gospel, where Jesus tells his disciples “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” We see Jesus set an example for this love, when he kneels before his disciples to wash their feet. It is an act of humility and service; an act of love that goes beyond expectation or requirement. For centuries, the Church has remembered this act of love and the commandment it exemplifies through a ritual of foot washing on Maundy Thursday. We are reminded just how great is our Savior’s love for us, and we are exhorted to go forth from our worship to show such love to those we meet. This evening, we invite you to come forward to have your hands washed. As the water washes over you, be reminded that you have been washed clean by a God who is endlessly forgiving, and remember the promise that in baptism, we are united with Christ in both death and resurrection. And when you have been washed, remember that you are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in this world, sharing the same extravagant, love with everyone you meet. May God give you clean hands and clean hearts to meet this world in humility, service, and grace.

First Communion

Tonight, we are privileged to witness a rite of passage for nine of our youth as they partake in their First Communion. After receiving instruction on Palm Sunday and participating the Seder Meal, Tess Gradl and Valerie Peugeot are one step further down their path of discipleship. Please celebrate in joy and thanksgiving with these youth and their families!

Triduum- The Great Three Days

At the end of the forty-day journey through Lent lies what is known as the Triduum – the Great Three Days. Encompassing Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, the three services actually comprise one complete worship experience; beginning Thursday evening, the service does not conclude until Christ arises on Sunday. We typically depart in silence on Maundy Thursday and both gather and depart in silence on Good Friday as a recognition that we are in the middle of our three day worship. From the Upper Room to the Garden, the Cross to the Empty Tomb, the Triduum takes us through the central story of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. Come, let us enter into these Holy Days together to witness what God has done for us!

Easter Breakfast Volunteers- Please let Traci know if you’re able to help!

Volunteers are needed Saturday morning at 9am for Easter Breakfast Prep at church as well as 8:45-10:45am or 10:45am-12:30pm on Easter morning for Easter Breakfast.

Holy Week | March 29 - April 5



MEET AT CALIFORNIA ST PARK
FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT!
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!



29 MAR | Palm Sunday
9:30AM

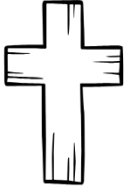
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
IS MARCH 29 AT 2PM.
SEE TRACI IF INTERESTED!



29 MAR | Easter Egg Hunt
Noon

2 APR | Seder Meal
5:30PM

BE SURE TO GET
YOUR SEDER
MEAL TICKETS!
BY MARCH 29; \$10
EACH



3 APR | Good Friday
Worship
2PM

2 APR | Maundy
Thursday
Worship
7PM

X YOU ARE HERE!



DON'T FORGET TO
SPONSOR EASTER
SUNDAY FLOWERS!
BY MARCH 29

3 APR | Good Friday
Tenebrae
7PM

5 APR | Easter
Breakfast
9:30AM - 11:30AM



BRING FRESH-CUT
FLOWERS TO
FLOWER THE CROSS!

5 APR | Easter
Sunday
9AM

5 APR | Easter
Sunday
11AM

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