

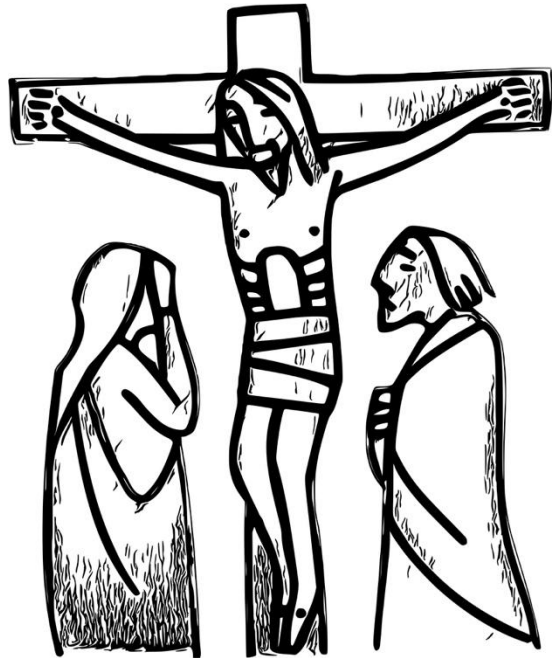


St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years

Good Friday

April 3, 2026



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

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In 2pm Worship Today...

Hosanna, Save Us Lord: Condemned in a Courtroom

Opening Sentences

Hymn: **Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here** ELW 358

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Lenten Gospel Acclamation | John 18:1-19:16a

Sermon

Hymn: **Ah, Holy Jesus**

Prayers with **Come, Bring Your Burdens to God**

Psalm 22

Hymn: **Once We Sang and Danced** ELW 701

John 19:16b-17

Congregation Departs in Silence

In 7pm Worship Today...

Hosanna, Save Us Lord: Executed on a Cross

Introit: Seed That in Earth is Dying

Procession of the Cross

Hymn: **My Song is Love Unknown**

John 19:16b-37

Hymn: **Were You There?**

Homily

Hymn: **O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

Bidding Prayer

John 19:38-42

Strepitus a "great noise" symbolizing the closing of the tomb

Congregation Departs in Silence

John's Gospel and "The Jews"

Throughout Christian history, references to "the Jews" in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

2pm Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Larry Partesotti | Lector: Julie Foreman

Greeter: Eric Schwartz | Ushers: Phyllis & Rodney Hutchins | AV Tech: Deb Williams

7pm Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Josh Cutter | Acolyte: Taryn Miller

Ushers: Norwood Cutter & Mike Price | AV Tech: Lara 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.

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

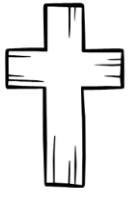
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
IS MARCH 29 AT 2PM.
SEE TRACI IF INTERESTED!



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



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

~~X~~ YOU ARE HERE!

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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