

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 3, 2022**  
*In the 169<sup>th</sup> year of the Parish*  
**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
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*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church!*

**Our Mission:** *“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”*

**This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.**

*We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.*

**Our COVID-19 Guidelines:**

- **Hand Sanitizer is available for your use.**
- **Face masks are optional.**
- **Offerings may be received by way of baskets as you enter or leave.**
- **Please continue to observe social distancing and our directives as to where to sit.**

**A Guide to Hymnal Use:**

**LBW refers to our Green Hymnal**

**WOV refers to our Blue Hymnal**

*An Order for Holy Eucharist, Setting Ten, Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*Kneel as able. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life †.

C **Amen.**

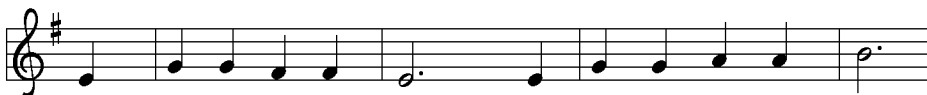
**\*HYMN                      The Church's One Foundation                      LBW, "Green", 369**

**\*GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS:**

*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it. In the second reading Paul recalls it, his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

**THE FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 43:16-21**

16 Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
17 who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
    they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
18 Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
19 I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
    I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
20 The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
    for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
    to give drink to my chosen people,  
21 the people whom I formed for myself  
    so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126**

1When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.

**2Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for  
them.”**

3The LORD has done great | things for us,  
and we are | glad indeed.

**4Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

5Those who | sowed with tears  
will reap with | songs of joy.

**6Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,  
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

**THE SECOND LESSON.....Philippians 3:4b-14**

[Paul writes:] 4bIf anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## \*THE GOSPEL.....John 12:1-8

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P 1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

\*HYMN When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LBW, “Green”, 482

## \*THE NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, let us affirm our faith.

C **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*THE PRAYERS**

*After each petition: Merciful God/Receive our prayer.*

## \*THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another.*

## ANTHEM

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to children of God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

**\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

**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.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:*

- *Observing social distancing communicants are asked to come forward as directed by ushers by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread from Pastor Vasey.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

*Please do not kneel at the rail at this time. Thank You!*

**P** Here is food and drink for the journey. Come and be filled.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## **COMMUNION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** The body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us pray. Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.

**C** **Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

**P** Almighty God, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **\*HYMN**

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

**LBW, “Green”, 294**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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**Prayer List:** Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Haussmann, Lou DeSeau and Jeremy Splain, Marion Waldeisen, Ryan Dancho, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

**WORSHIP LEADERS (4/03/2022)**

**Lector** 8 a.m. Candy Dewar

10:30 a.m. Karen Marino

**Communion Assistants**

8 a.m. Drew Haussmann

10:30 a.m. Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel

**Organist** Sam Robinson

**USHERS:**

8 a.m. Dick Miller/Herb Poff

10:30 a.m. Tim Maggs, Captain: Carl Heiber and Charlie Fortin

## **EASTER HUNGER MEMORIALS/DEDICATIONS**

Today, April 3, is the deadline to share by way of our Easter bulletins Hunger Memorials/Dedications. If you wish to participate, please share these with the Church Office with a suggested donation of \$20.00 by today. Thank You!

## **DO YOU ENJOY QUILTING?**

St. Mark's would like to "resurrect" our Quilting Ministry! If you like to sew or quilt or are just interested contact Kathy Dancho at 570-435-2716 or dancho2@verizon.net.

**THE AED** (Automated External Defibrillator) and first aid kit are located in the hallway outside of the chapel.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**, 12:15 – 12:45 p.m., Wednesdays through April 6 in Fellowship Hall. "Conversation and Catechism" will explore the scripture texts of Luther's Small Catechism. No meal will be served but feel free to bring a "bag lunch" if you so desire. Coffee, water and tea will be provided. All are welcome!

**LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP.** St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program was established by the congregation of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport to benefit Lutheran students of Lycoming County. Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program should complete an online application at <https://www.thriventcharitable.com/grants/scholarships>. Applications, transcripts, community service resume, and one online recommendation are due by April 29, 2022. For additional information contact Dave Zastrow, Donor Services Associate at 800-365-4172 or to [Tcscholarships@thrivent.com](mailto:Tcscholarships@thrivent.com).

**CRISIS IN UKRAINE.** Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Rest assured that gifts to Eastern Europe Crisis Response will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Should you wish to contribute please make checks payable to St. Mark's and note, "Ukraine" on the memo line. Thank you for your gifts and prayers for the people of Ukraine.

**READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?** Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

**FAMILY PROMISE.** Family Promise is up and running again with families staying at the Center. St. Mark’s is scheduled for July 10-16, Oct. 16-22 and Dec. 11-17. Our commitment at this point would be providing evening meals. I will be getting in touch with our “cooks” later this month. Thank You! Deb Buckman.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP (3/27/2022)**

Regular Offering	\$2,124.00
Lent	\$ 120.00
World Hunger	\$ 10.00
Sunday School Offering	\$ 7.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 435.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	\$ 30.00
Synod Benevolence	\$ 25.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,751.00</b>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God:

+ In loving memory of Russell and Catherine Goertz by the Family.

+ In loving memory of my daughter Sally Ann Millixan by Sally Bjornstad.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

#### **Sunday, April 10: The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)**

**8 a.m. Holy Communion (Nave)**

**9:15 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Nave)**

#### **Thursday, April 14: Maundy Thursday**

**12:15 p.m. Holy Communion (Chapel)**

**7:30 p.m. Holy Communion and Stripping of the Church (Nave)**

#### **Friday, April 15: Good Friday**

**Noon-3 p.m. “The Way of the Cross”; Meditation and Prayer (Nave)**

**Noon- 1 p.m. Community Service at St. Luke Lutheran**

**7:30 p.m. Tenebrae; Service of Shadows (Nave)**

#### **Saturday, April 16: Holy Saturday**

**8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (Chapel moving to Nave)**

#### **Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday**

**8 a.m. Holy Communion (Nave)**

**10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Nave)**

## COMMEMORATIONS

### **Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589**

*Monday, April 4, 2022*

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

### **Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists**

*Wednesday, April 6, 2022*

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

### **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945**

*Saturday, April 9, 2022*

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.