

conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.

SERMON

Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Immortal Love, Forever Full"

William Wallace

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #327 (Green Hymnal) "The Old Rugged Cross"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Wayne Kerr

*Please stand as you are able

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April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Reader: Robert Hoffman

God is Still Speaking ...

"But everyone who lined the streets had a different reason for waving those palms. Some were political activists...Others had loved ones who were sick or dying... Some were onlookers merely looking for something to do...Jesus was the only one in the parade who knew why he was going to Jerusalem – to die. He had a mission while everyone else had an agenda." Bill Hybels

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Open The Gates Of The Temple"

L. Leaman

JESUS' ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19: 28 - 40

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing for joy because our Savior has come!

People: Riding on a colt, Jesus enters Jerusalem in victory!

Pastor: Even if the shouting of the people stopped, the rocks would cry out in joy.

People: Let us prepare, for the Savior is coming! Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN #297 (Green Hymnal) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*PARADE OF THE PALMS

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are not worthy to bend our knees before you. Our fears have led to denial. Our self-interest has prompted false witness. We have compromised our integrity to avoid criticism. We have bowed down to false gods whose fleeting

promises seem momentarily attractive. We are so confused! We want to do what is right, but we do not want to suffer. We would like to get rid of the burden of our mistakes, but we find it difficult to change. O God, deliver us from ourselves.

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption. Setting aside anger, God embraces us with love. Letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Holy Manna"

Bell Choir

Sandra Eithun

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

New Testament Philippians 2: 5 – 11

*Gospel Luke 22: 24 – 27

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was

Jesus' Entrance into Jerusalem

Luke 19: 28 – 40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these people were silent, the very stones would shout out."

Philippians 2: 5 – 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 22: 24 – 27

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus

- Philippians 2:5

ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Trudy Berkheimer
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Megan, Jaxon and Ava Tilley
Larry Houser
Michael Worhach (Russ Scholl's son-in-law)
Ken & Charlotte Wengert
Andrew Scholl
Lauren Hallman (Kids Kamper's Mother)
Ann Crouch (Deb Ellis' friend)
Paul & Kay Peiffer
Deb Winslow (Peg Scholl relative)
Tia Carreras (Peg Scholl relative)
Meg Nagel
John Schieber
Carol Frankhouser (K. Andrew's friend)
Gladys Gettle
Adam Romanik (D. Ellis's friend)
Ed Olden
Chad Wenrich
Joe Adams (Lois Smith's brother)
Maggie Zeppos Brown
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People around the world living with
the threat of war
and those recovering from natural disasters

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR

For the Week of April 13, 2025

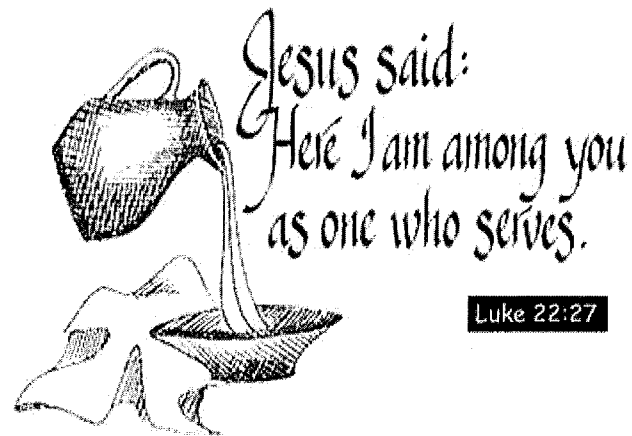
Sunday Choir Practice – 8:45 AM
Worship Service – 10 AM
Congregational Meeting – after worship service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM

Thursday Maundy Thursday Service –
Communion – 7:30 PM

Friday Good Friday Service – 7:30 PM

Saturday Youth/Young Adult Prayer Vigil
Easter Egg Hunt – 10 AM – South Hills Park



Jesus said:
Here I am among you
as one who serves.

Luke 22:27

ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers on the communion table are presented by Judy Blouch in memory of her husband, Raymond Blouch.

The bulletins are presented by Kathryn Ceresini and daughters, Linda Brandt and Karen Tighe in memory of Raymond Heiter, Jr. Also, the bulletins are presented in honor of Paul Peiffer's 92nd birthday on April 18th.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: June 15 and 22. Dates available for bulletins are: April 27. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Roof Repairs – There are envelopes in the narthex labeled "Roof Repairs." We would appreciate your help with this project. As of April 6, we have collected \$32,803.39 towards the roof repairs. Thank you to all who have donated.

Easter Egg Hunt – The egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 19 at 10 AM at South Hills Park, North Pavilion. We are collecting candy and/or trinkets for the egg hunt. Please see container in the narthex.

3rd Annual Easter Dinner – Pastor Dave and MJ are hosting a dinner on April 20, 2025, at 4:30 PM. Please see sign up sheet in narthex.

Congregational Meeting – We will have a special meeting for the congregation today, Sunday, April 13th. We will be discussing and voting on the repair of our roofs on the church.

2024 Yearbook – Available in the Narthex. The yearbook has an updated membership directory included.

Save the Dates:

April 20	Easter Service – Communion – 10 AM Easter Dinner – 4:30 PM
May 3	Community Meal – 4:45 to 6 PM
May 4	Kid's Painting Party – after worship service

Conference Call information:
Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin