

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. William C. Haggis, II, Pastor

MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude 10:30

"The Church's One Foundation"

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" # 324

Kyrie & Prayer of the Day (page 98-99)

Handbell Choir *"Triste"*

Noah's Park Children's Church

1 Samuel 16:1-13 and Psalm 23 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-15, 26-27, 34-41 (pg. 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" # 779

Apostle's Creed, Intercessory Prayers, The Peace (pages 105-106)

Offering: offering boxes, website, text 419-273-9947

Holy Communion

10:30 service on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. (pages 107-109)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" # 843

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *"Joy Transcending"*

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters (10:30) Gregory Pancake

Lector (10:30) Stephanie Stechschulte

Acolyte (10:30) Graham Kill

Communion Servers..... Monica Campbell & Tom Rhoades

Coffee Hour Miller

ORDER ENVELOPES for Spring flowers are in the Gathering Place and due TODAY!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel Anoints David

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." ² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" ⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." ¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Psalm 23

R: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

R: he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: **Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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### Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything

exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup>  
This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

**R: The word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel Acclamation (page 102; 10:30 service)**

Return to the Lord, you God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Good news.....

**C: Glory To you O Lord!**

**John 9:1-15, 26-27, 34-41**

**Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup> “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. <sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup> “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. <sup>11</sup> He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.” <sup>12</sup> “Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said.

**The Pharisees Investigate the Healing**

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. <sup>16</sup> Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>17</sup> He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?” <sup>18</sup> To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

**Spiritual Blindness**

<sup>19</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>20</sup> “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” <sup>22</sup> Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” <sup>24</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

**P: Word of God. Word of life.**

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

**3 weeks until Easter Sunday !**

## CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023—FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

- 8:00 a.m.**     *Worship Service with LPE*
- 9:00 a.m.     Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m.     Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m.     Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m.     Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m.     Noah's Park

### **TUESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m.     Piecemakers
- 4:00 p.m.**     *Handbell Choir Rehearsal*
- 7:00 p.m.**     *Church Council Meeting*

### **WEDNESDAY**

- 12:00 p.m.**     *Mid-Week Lenten Service*
- 1:30 p.m.**     *Worship @ Homstead*
- 6:00 p.m.     Supper
- 6:30 p.m.     The Anchor
- 6:30 p.m.     Catechism
- 6:30 p.m.     Kid Min
- 7:30 p.m.**     *Mid-Week Lenten Service*

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023—FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

- 8:00 a.m.     Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m.     Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:00 a.m.**     *Bell Tower Info Session in the Gathering Place*
- 9:15 a.m.     Sunday School & Choir
- 10:00 a.m.     Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m.     Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m.     Noah's Park

**Bread & Bowl:** We are looking for individuals to coordinate a meal/s for Bread & Bowl in 2023. The meals are now eat-in (carry-out is still available) from First UM Church (door on Central Ave. at 6:00 pm on Friday nights.) The following dates need covered: **May 12<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> & December 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you are new to this program, feel free to call me. If you don't want to coordinate this meal by yourself, partner with a friend to plan a meal. Many thanks,  
Kathy Taylor 419-605-8467

**This year's Easter Breakfast** will be hosted by the Roehm family to assist in the mission trip costs. Raegan would like to thank the congregation for their continued support in helping her answer the call and do God's work in the Dominican Republic. For more information on Freedom International Ministries you can visit their website at [itisforfreedom.com](http://itisforfreedom.com).



**Herschberger's Fried Pies Fundraiser:** Thank you to all who placed pie orders that will be available for pick up after late Service on Sunday, April 2. We will have another Cash and Carry Sunday on May 7 and possibly an additional one in April. This has been

a successful fundraiser and we greatly appreciate the congregation's continuous support of our mission trip!

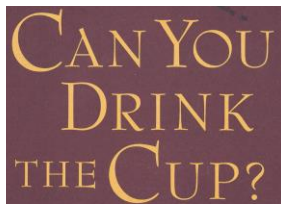
## **HS Youth Loaded Potato Carry-Out Fundraiser Palm Sunday, April 2 Pick Up after late Service: Last call for Potato Orders!!!**

Today is the last day to get your orders in! Each large potato can be ordered with your choice of toppings (butter, sour cream, bacon bits, shredded cheese, and ham) for \$8. One order form is needed per potato and can be picked up on the table in the Gathering Room. Forms with payment can be given to Cary Roehm. Feel free to call or text Cary at 419-348-9623 if you forgot your order today and we can still get it in! Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts.

**St. Mark's Altar Guild is looking for NEW young members to join the Altar Guild team. It is only for 2 or 3 months out of the year and the elders will teach you what they know. This is a great way to give back to the church.**

## **St. Mark's 127 Garage Sale August 3-5** ***Proceeds go to our Kids Against Hunger Rice Kits***

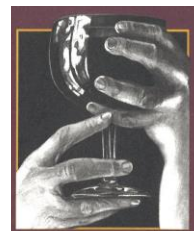
- Items are to be placed in the back (north) storage room in the church basement. **NO Clothing accepted.**
- **Help is needed to price items, work at the sale, and to clean up after the sale.**
- We need food donated for us to sell. (cookies, pies, etc.)
- This project is all for the hungry kids here in the US and around the world.
- Contact Joan Holland at 419-203-9754 to help in anyway. It will take you and our dear Lord to make this a huge success! Thank you! Joan Holland
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This question is one that Jesus of Nazareth asked two of his disciples, James and John, and now asks us. Wednesdays at noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Invite a friend!

**Wednesday, March 22.- The Cup of Salvation.**

**Wednesday, March 29.-One Cup, One Body.**



**Bell Tower Project Update:** A congregation information session on the Bell Tower Project will be held on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> between both worship services, 9:00 – 10:20 a.m., in the Gathering Place. A second information session will be held at the same time and location on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Voting on the Bell Tower Project will be part of the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

***Reminders:*** *Bulletin deadline* is Wednesday by 1:00 p.m. AND *The deadline* for April newsletter is **March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**2023 offering envelopes & 2022 Giving Statements are on the table in the hallway for you to pick up.**

**Our hymn of the month is** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee", tells us of the importance of looking toward Jesus throughout our lives. Why should we make Jesus our focus? Each verse gives us a reason. Verse one tells us Jesus is the Lamb of Calvary, the One who hears us and forgives us. Verse two says that His grace (unmerited favor) gives us strength. Verse three reminds us that He is the One who points us toward and guides us to the Father God. And, finally, verse four tells us that He will be with us always, through life, death, and beyond death, when we meet Him face to face.

**Schedule your appointments for the Photo Directory**

Wednesday, April 19, 2-8 PM    Thursday, April 20 2-8:30 PM

Friday, April 21 2-8:30 PM    Sat., April 22 10:30-4:00 PM

To schedule your date and time go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)

Church code: oh2609    password: photos

**The Scholarship Committee** would like to share some changes made to the scholarship guidelines here at St. Mark's. With an occasional interest in St. Mark's from some of our non-member youths who are involved with youth or church related events, it has been brought to our attention to award active non-member youths an opportunity to apply for St. Mark's scholarships. All scholarship money will still be awarded out of the scholarship fund and not out of current offerings. We appreciate the help and support we get from the youth here at St. Mark's, and all the support that is given to our members and non-member youth. It's a blessing to see today's youth doing God's work. Thank you all.

Scholarship Chair, Rick Roehm

**St. Mark's Scholarship Applications are available on the information table by the nursery. Due date is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

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Facebook, Instagram & YouTube:

“Ponder This . . . Thought for the Day”

“Table Talks” . . . Midweek Message from Pastor Will

Website:

Weekly Worship Service replay videos

“Table Talks” with Pastor Will

Upcoming Event information