

# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. William C. Haggis, II

March 26, 2023

Welcome and Announcements;

Prelude 8:00/10:30 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)

Choral Introit (10:30 service) *Adult Choir*

Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" # 452

Kyrie (pages 98-99; 10:30 service)

Prayer of the Day

New Member Affirmation of Baptism (page 234)

Handbell Choir *"Triste"*

Noah's Park Children's Church (10:30 service)

Ezekiel 37:1-9 and Psalm 130 (pg. 2 & 3 of bulletin)

Romans 8:6-11 and John 11:17-45 (page 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message

Hymn "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" # 759

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

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

Offertory (10:30 service) *Adult Choir*

Lord's Prayer, Blessing & Dismissal (pages 112-115)

Hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" # 697

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God in memory of Larry & Kathy Joseph  
by Abbi Price and family.

## ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters	(10:30) .....	Phil McClure
Lector	(10:30).....	Sharon Blank
Acolyte	(10:30) .....	Gavin Zartman
Communion Servers	(8:00) .....	Jana Ringwald & _____
Coffee Hour....	.....	Foss

*During the 10:30 service we welcome Marilyn Glossett into the St. Mark's family.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Ezekiel 37:1-9

### The End Has Come

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says to the land of Israel: “‘The end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land! <sup>3</sup> The end is now upon you, and I will unleash my anger against you. I will judge you according to your conduct and repay you for all your detestable practices. <sup>4</sup> I will not look on you with pity; I will not spare you. I will surely repay you for your conduct and for the detestable practices among you. “‘Then you will know that I am the LORD.’ <sup>5</sup> “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “‘Disaster! Unheard-of disaster! See, it comes! <sup>6</sup> The end has come! The end has come! It has roused itself against you. See, it comes! <sup>7</sup> Doom has come upon you, upon you who dwell in the land. The time has come! The day is near! There is panic, not joy, on the mountains. <sup>8</sup> I am about to pour out my wrath on you and spend my anger against you. I will judge you according to your conduct and repay you for all your detestable practices. <sup>9</sup> I will not look on you with pity; I will not spare you. I will repay you for your conduct and for the detestable practices among you. “‘Then you will know that it is I the LORD who strikes you.

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### Psalms 130

### A Pilgrimage Song

R: Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

C: **Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

R: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can,  
with reverence, serve you.**

R: I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

C: **I wait for the Lord more than watchmen  
wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

R: Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

C: **He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

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### Romans 8:6-11

### Life Through the Spirit

<sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation (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 11:17-45**

### **Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus**

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” <sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

### **Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead**

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” <sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

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

## CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **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

## TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers  
10:00 a.m. *A.J.'s Disciple Group Mtg. @ Dr. Carl Jeffery home*  
4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

## WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. *Mid-Week Lenten Service in  
Gathering Place (Livestream)*  
6:00 p.m. Supper  
6:30 p.m. The Anchor  
6:30 p.m. Catechism  
7:30 p.m. *Mid-Week Lenten Service in Gathering Place*

## SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023—SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 a.m. Worship Service  
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  
11:30 a.m. *Fried Pie pre-order pickup*  
11:30 a.m. *Baked Potato Bar pre-order pickup*

**Bread & Bowl:** We are looking for individuals to coordinate a meal/s for Bread & Bowl in 2023. At this time, all the meals are carry-out from First UM Church (door on Central Ave. at 6:00 pm on Friday nights.) St. Mark's needs the following dates covered: **May 12<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you are new to this program, feel free to call me. Please consider this worthwhile service project. 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

## **SCHEDULE YOUR PICTURE APPOINTMENT**

Wednesday, April 19, 2-8 PM Thursday, April 20 3-8 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

**ATTENTION:** NO appointments can be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday through the on-line set up. Only Monday thru Friday.

**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 will go to our annual  
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.**
- Food will be sold during the sale so we will need food items.
- 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

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

**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).

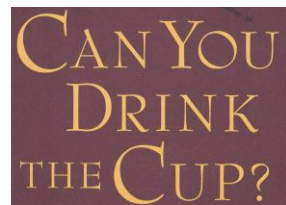


**HIGH SCHOOL ANCHOR YOUTH**  
**Herschberger's Fried Pies/Loaded Baked Potato**  
**Pick Up Reminder**

If you ordered fried pies using the pre order form AND/OR a Loaded Baked Potato, don't forget to pick them up next Sunday, April 2 from 11:30-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts!

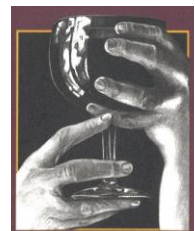


**High School Mission Trip Update:** We currently have 12 youth members and 4 adults registered to attend the mission trip July 9-15 in Erie, Pa. We were originally planning on going to Grand Rapids, Michigan, however, due to the increasing interest from our youth, Grand Rapids could not accommodate our group size at time of registration-what an awesome blessing! Therefore, we needed to change to a location that had enough openings and was within a reasonable driving distance. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers as we begin making preparations for our journey. Please also keep us in your prayers this summer while we diligently and humbly experience contributing our aid to others in need and as we grow and develop in our personal faith journeys.



This year's pathway for our services in Mid-week Lent is **"Can You Drink the Cup?"** Meet in the Gathering Place.

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



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

**Our hymn of the month is** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee". In the early 1860's, just before a major Civil War battle, eight soldiers met in a tent to pray. All eight were Christians and, wondering if they would survive the battle, decided to send a message, of comfort to each of their families. They liked to sing the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," and so they copied the final stanza into the messages that were to be sent home. The next morning, only one of the soldiers came back to the encampment. The other seven were some of the "ransomed souls" Rev. Palmer had written about in the salt stanza of the hymn. Life here on earth had ended, but they stood before their Savior with no fear or distrust, covered by His grace.

**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.**

Get to Know Us on:



**We invite you to send cards to our homebound & shut-in members of St. Mark's and wish them a Happy Easter!!**

**Vancrest Assisted Living (10357 VW-Decatur Rd, Van Wert, OH 45891)**

Phyllis Myers

Karen Linton

**Van Wert Manor (160 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH 45891)**

Bill & Pauline Weldy

**Homestead @ Town Center**

**(240 Town Center Rd., Van Wert, OH 45891)**

Mary Hetrick

Sandra Gordon

Bonnie Taylor

**Divine Nursing & Rehab at Shane Hill**

**(10731 St. Rt. 188, Rockford, OH 45882)**

Dottie Johnston

Reba Robey, **7230 University Parkway, Unit #23**  
**Sarasota, FL 34240**

**Heritage Assisted Living, 2820 Green Acre Dr., Room 215, Findlay, OH 45840**

Linda Basinger

**Home Bound Members**

Nancy Gardner  
7612 Monmouth Road  
Van Wert, OH 45891

Diane Stewart  
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Van Wert, OH 45891



Phyllis Lininger  
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Jean Wilson  
10993 US 127  
Van Wert, OH 45891

Joan Schaberg  
9865 Liberty Union Road  
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Milo & Betty Wyandt  
1037 Woodland Avenue  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## **PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SERVICES**



**The Annual Congregational Meeting** of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, **APRIL 23, 2023** immediately following the 10:30 service. **THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING.**

A copy of the Annual Report for 2022 will be available to pick up at St. Mark's on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you, please contact the church office. At this meeting, we will be voting on members for Church Council. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting for individuals to be elected to a three-year term. Additionally, at this meeting we will be voting on the proposal stating the recommendations by the Outreach Committee for the \$ 20,000 allocated by the Investment Committee and Church Council for outreach funds in 2023. We will also be voting on the Bell Tower Project and the location of the AV desk.