

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing. LITURGIST: Pastor Jeff Schooley

**PRELUDE** *5 Meditations on the Passion Chorale* David P. Dahl  
1. "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
2. "Jesus Receives the Crown of Thorns"  
3. "Walk to Calvary"

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *The Glory of These Forty Days*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN # 686 *God of Our Life* Sandon

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

For all the exuberance and joy we give to the people's cry of "Hosanna!" let us never forget that this word means "Save us!" We come to our God again, crying out for God to save us from sin and shame, from evil and injustice, from being victim and victimizer. As our Lord once responded to His people's Hosanna cries, so He shall respond once again. Come, let us sing our prayer of confession.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION HYMN #433** *"Sign Us with Ashes"* Phoenix  
(Refrain (with congregation), v. 6 (choir only), Refrain (with congregation))

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE** *Fear, a Kyrie* Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON HYMN #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* In Babilone

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN#451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Open My Eyes  
(verses 1-2)

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**LESSONS & CAROLS**

**READING** John 12:1-8

**HYMN#201** *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar* How Can I Keep From Singing  
(Choir Only)

**READING** Matthew 21:1-7

\*HYMN#198 *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* St. Drostane

**READING** Mark 11:8-10

\*HYMN#197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Ellacombe



# holy week

*Events Calendar*



**Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday**

10 a.m. Special Hymns and Lessons Worship

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

11:30 a.m. Church potluck and new member welcome meal to follow worship



**[No WeMeet on Wednesday, April 16]**

**Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Dinner-and-Worship in Fellowship Hall

\*Communion will be served at your table



**Friday, April 18 - Good Friday**

7 p.m. Special Bowling Green Ministerial Association-led service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

\*Featuring a special Good Friday Cantata sung by multiple church choirs.



**Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday**

10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship

Communion worship service featuring special music with a brass quintet, the Presby bell choir, as well as the choir  
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Fish Collection



## Week of April 13 thru April 20

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Church Potluck and the welcoming of new members (FH)</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group (Green Lounge)</b>
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff mtg. in pastor's office</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Dinner &amp; Worship in FH</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell rehearsal in the Bell Choir Room</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Community Good Friday Service at St. Mark's Lutheran</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Worship Service</b>

**Monday, April 22nd at 4:30 Kindred Spirits** will meet in the library. Not only will we continue the discussion of the Bible and the environment, but we will review next year's Bible study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." Please join us.

**It's Spring clean-up time!** The Green Team is planning to work outside of the church on **Saturday, April 26 beginning at 9 am.** We'd love your help! We'll be weeding, raking, pruning and generally making the outside of the church beautiful. Bring gloves and garden tools if you have them – or you can borrow from us. We appreciate your help!



<b>READING</b>	<b>Luke 19:37-44</b>	
<b>HYMN #194</b>	<b><i>When Jesus Wept</i></b>	When Jesus Wept
	<i>(choir only)</i>	
<b>READING</b>	<b>Luke 19:45-48</b>	
<b>HYMN#160</b>	<b><i>A Stable Lamp Is Lighted</i></b>	Andujar
	<i>(choir only)</i>	
<b>READING</b>	<b>John 12:20-26</b>	
<b>HYMN#216</b>	<b><i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i></b>	St. Christopher
	<i>(choir only)</i>	
<b>READING</b>	<b>Matthew 21:17</b>	

### **BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Baptism of Anna Beeker**

##### ***Presentation***

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

On behalf of the session, I present Anna Beeker to receive the sacrament of baptism. Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, Anna, do you desire to be baptized? **I do.**

[To the congregation]

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Anna by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We will.**

##### **Profession of Faith**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

**Blessing Over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Baptism**

**Reception of New Members**

**Presentation**

On behalf of the Session, I present **Anna & Kenny Beeker, Madeline Duntley, Ashton Horton, Leslee & Glenn Kirkconnell, Andrew & Savitri Kunze, Janna Long, Tina Ohmart Mendoza, Zachary Noesen, and Taylor Vanek** who have been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
**One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

**Profession of Faith**

[To New Members] As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize and in which we remember our baptism when we join a new church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love? **I will, with God's help.**

As a whole church together, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles Creed, recited in call-and-response manner:

Do you believe in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**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.**

[To New Members] Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

[To Congregation] Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these new members by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging each of them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? **We do.**

**Welcoming**  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (we say "debts")

**OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS**  
**Offertory 5 Meditations on the Passion Chorale**  
**4. "Mary Weeps at the Cross"**

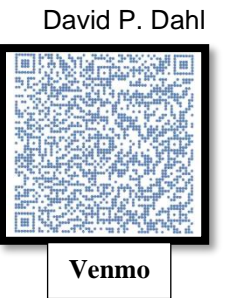
**\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #608**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Christ, all people here below;**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**Praise Triune God, whom we adore**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*HYMN #196** **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** Valet Will Ich Dir Gemen

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **May the Peace of the Lord Go with You** Charles Yannerella

**POSTLUDE** **5 Meditations on the Passion Chorale** David P. Dahl  
**5.. "Jesus Buried in the Tomb"**





**PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Bri Schooley, Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Scott Muellich & David & Mindy Shaner (relatives of Scotty Huntington); Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

**This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!**

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*There are no closed doors here.*  
**Christ Welcomes All Here!**



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**We welcome our new members:** Anna Beeker, Kenny Beeker, Madeline Duntley, Ashton Horton, Leslee Kirkconnell, Glenn Kirkconnell, Andrew Kunze, Savi Kunze, Janna Long, Tina Mendoza, Zach Noesen, Taylor Vanek. Come down and join the Palm Sunday potluck and welcome our new members following the worship service today.

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## *Palm Sunday*

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