

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Honoring God in Creation
April 21, 2024
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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Welcome to St. Mark's!

... a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.

Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday— 9 a.m. to noon.

Weather Policy: St. Mark's will post closures to WZZM 13, WOOD TV8, Facebook and our website by 7:00 a.m. or as soon as possible. The decision on afternoon and evening activities will be made separately, posted by noon.

Reserved Spaces for Those in Need: Note, there are three designated spaces for those in need, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please, leave those spaces available and the adjoining pews for family members.

Safety: The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Please, pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. An announcement will be made in case of an emergency. Children will be ushered out of the building to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are able, please, consider not parking in the Parish Lot to reserve access for those less mobile. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the Kendall Lot across the street when the gate is up, the upper levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street, and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: vouchers for free parking on Sundays are available from an Usher, a Greeter or on the Resource Table in the north transept (must be used along with original parking ticket).

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. Additional rest rooms are located on the second level of the Parish House; those able to use stairs are encouraged to use upper-floor restrooms.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon from September through May. Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. All are always welcome!

Children's Ministry: Sundays, we offer children's formation during 10:30 services. This includes formation, nursery care and church school. Please contact the church office.

Youth Ministry: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adult Formation Ministry: *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at different times of the year. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year. Please, contact Doug Karsen for more information at karsencd@gmail.com.

Breakfast Café Ministry: A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at judyfw@comcast.net.

Land Acknowledgment: St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the indigenous people of the Three Fires. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds created many years ago by our forebears.

St. Mark's eNews: For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, see the weekly eNews in your email or our website.

Cell Phones: We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

St. Mark's Full-Time* and Part-Time Staff

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector*
The Rev. Susan York, Associate Rector
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon
Thon Deng, Postulant

Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager*
Kate Assarian, Administrative Associate*
Dr. Gregory Crowell, Director of Music
Jeff Brown, Director of Youth Ministry
Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar

Mike Armour, Operations Manager
Ronnie Hammond, Sexton
Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate, Video
Marquice Jackson, Weekend Sexton
Jamie Interrial, Security Representative
Eric Gable, Webmaster

The Gathering of the People

Prelude – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Gerhard Krapf

Welcome

Introit – The Day of Resurrection

Frances Callahan

St. Mark's Bell Choir

Gathering Hymn – Blue Hymnal 199: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

Salutation for the Easter Season

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider: Let us pray:

People: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Gloria (*Bells ringing.*)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Antiphon

The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Lector II: A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn – Red Hymnal No. 104: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Thomas Koschat

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People:* Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily (*You may sit.*)

Thon Deng

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People: Honoring God in Creation

Lector I: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

All: **In the beginning, God was.
 Here and now, God is.
 In the future, God will be.**

Lector I: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons: Michael, Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moses, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Craig, ELCA Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod; Christ Church of East Tawas and its Senior Warden, Kathleen Nelkie; St. David's of Lansing and its Rector, Joe Kennedy; Grace Church of Holland and its Rector, Jennifer Adams. We remember the Anglican Church of Australia. We pray:
Hear our prayer.

During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Lector II: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector I: Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector II: Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector I: Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector II: Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lector I: Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those for whom we have promised to pray.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

Silence God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Presider:

Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. Amen.

source: Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies, prepared for the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, California, July 2009

The Confession of Sin

Presider II: Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

Presider and People: **Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider II: †Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit us in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider II: May the peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And always with you.**

Presider II: Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Announcements

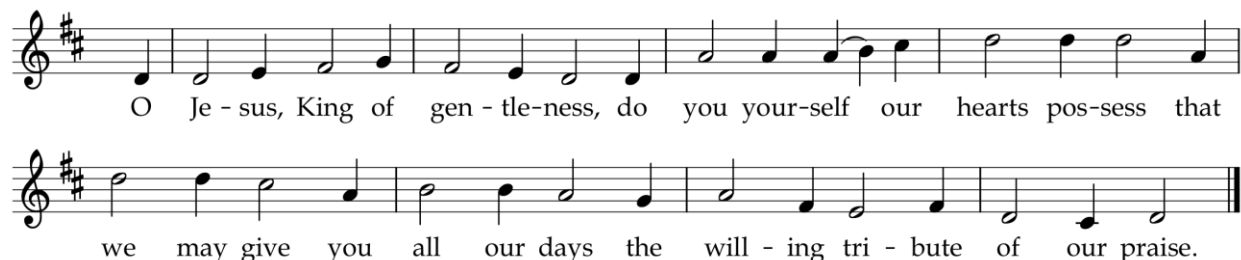
The Liturgy of the Table

Reception of Gifts

Offertory Music – The Lord’s My Shepherd

Richard Hillert

Presentation Hymn



O Je - sus, King of gen - tle-ness, do you your-self our hearts pos-sess that
we may give you all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I (BCP)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

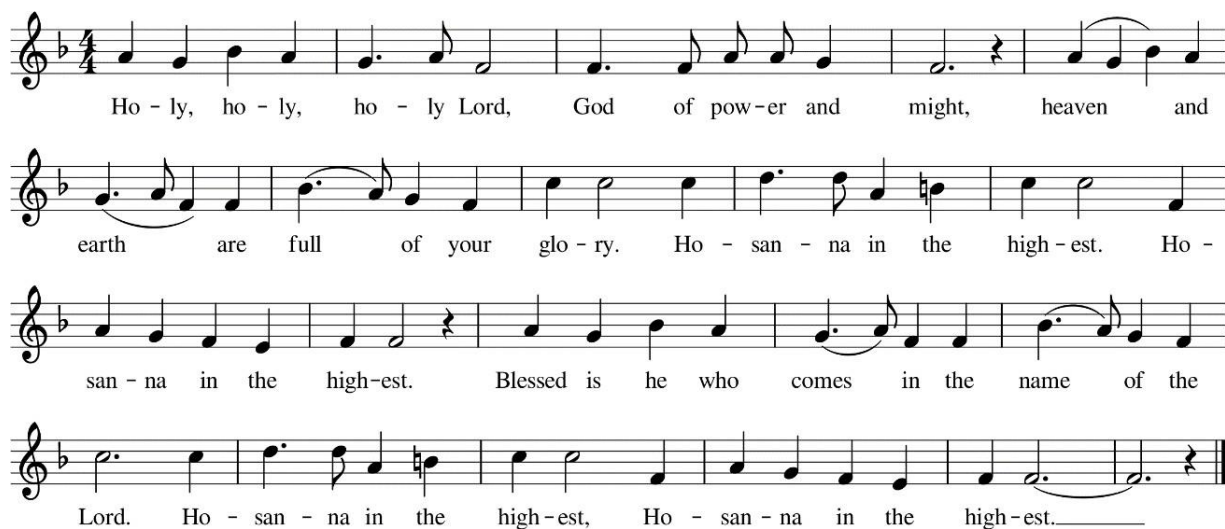
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Richard Proulx



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

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. †Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

†Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

Presider I: Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

(Traditional) 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Contemporary) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Spanish) Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our
Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the
feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instruction for Receiving Communion

All are invited to receive Holy Communion which contains both consecrated bread and wine. An intinction cup with consecrated wine is available. Gluten-free consecrated bread without wine is also available upon request. Please, follow the guide of the Ushers to receive the Sacrament at the communion rail by filling in from right to left. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.

Healing Prayer: When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.

Music at Communion – Be Thou My Vision
Lead Me, Lord

Hal Hopson
Martha Lynn Thompson

Post-Communion Prayer *(You may stand.)*

Presider II: Let us pray.

People: Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Solemn Easter Blessing

Presider I:

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of the Son, Jesus, the Christ, bestow upon us the riches of Christ's blessing. **Amen. Alleluia!**
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make us holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen. Alleluia!**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance. **Amen. Alleluia!**

†And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Sending Forth – Blue Hymnal 400, vv. 1-4: All Creatures of Our God *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Sending Forth

Priest or Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude - Praeludium

J.P. Kellner

The Altar Flowers today were given in loving memory of Alex McIntire.

Today's Collect, Prayers of the People, Confession and Post-Communion Prayer come from the Episcopal Church's Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation, in honor of Earth Day and the work of our Creation Care Ministry.

Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship.

The St. Mark's Prayer List

Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names will be removed after one month unless requested.

The Sick and Other Needs

David Abbott
Alissa Almont
Jayne Austin
Ed Cox
Terry Dusendang
Ruth Hammond
Jamie Interial
Bill Isenberg
Jennifer Julius
Evan and McKenzie Knill
George Linde
Kathryn Marmion
Laura Maslonka
Jim, Chris McClain
Evelyn Mitchell
Doris Molina
Bill Nasser
John Oatley
Chris Reale
Beverly and Milton Roye, Sr.
Monique Salinas
Marilee Wexstaff

Sue Allen
Susan Andrews
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Irene Haizman
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara
Roma Warmington
Jean Zylstra

In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
Henry Dykema, USNG
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF Col.
Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC Lt.
Col. Todd Murray, USAF

Members of the Vestry

Dawn Buller, Sr. Warden
Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden
Brian Topolewski, Clerk
Gloria Lara, Treasurer
Jon Anderson
Ben Busman
Laura Kozminski
Emily Krueger
Penny Larsen
Dan McDonald
Carmela McIntire
Amy Richards-Duncan

Discernment for Ordained Ministry

Rachel Ravellette

Search Committee

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Doug Busman
Nancy Dodge
Karen Hunter
Penny Larson
Shawn Miller
Heather Tafel
Darren Walhof
Jackie Yam

Postulancy Cathy Stevens

Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

Place check or cash in the offering plate

Electronic giving (email pams@stmarksgr.org)

Vanco Mobile App from any mobile device:



Pay by text - text 616-205-9714 from your phone to send a payment

Mobile App Square Cash - Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgr)



Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at www.stmarksgr.org through PayPal

Remember St. Mark's in your Estate Planning (A brochure is available at the Welcome Desk.)

Gifts or Transfer of Stock

Church Spotlight: Education Sessions, St. Mark's Building Project: Today, April 28th, May 5th at 9 a.m.

The Vestry invites and encourages you to attend these three important all-church meetings between Sunday services. Participate as the body of Christ as we learn together about this exciting work and future vision. Some of this information is a repeat from presentations in the fall, but some presented information will be new. Even if you are already informed and are in support, we want to see you there! Childcare provided.

Parish Notes

Welcome! Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out a Welcome Card (stored inside the podium) to get a name tag, receive weekly eNews or join the St. Mark's Family in Faith as a full member.

Construction Update: The Pearl Street intersection just south of us is fully torn up and impassable. Though it may appear blocked by construction vehicles, our parking gate on Division Avenue *is* still accessible, using Lyon Street from either direction. (Note that the separate road closure on Lyon Street has resolved.) On Sundays or by special request to put the chains down, the lot can also be reached by the Winchester Place NE 'alley.' On April 29th, Lyon St and Fountain St will be temporarily converted to two-way traffic from Division Ave to Ransom Ave. See eNews or Facebook for map updates as the situation evolves.

Please Sign a Childcare Voter Card: As a church member of Together West Michigan, St. Mark's continues to work toward solutions to the childcare crisis. We are once again collecting postcards from voters showing support to renew the Ready by 5 early childhood education millage. Whether or not you submitted a postcard earlier in the campaign, please do so now and remember to vote on August 6th. These postcards, conversations, and presence at key meetings are what hold candidates accountable to take action on childcare.

Episcopal 101 Class Starts Today, on Sundays from 12:30-2 p.m. (with lunch), in St. Mary's Chapel.

Test of the Emergency Alert System, April 28th: Next Sunday, there will be a brief test of the emergency alert system (which is separate from the fire alarm). You will not be required to move to a different location. In the event of a true weather or other non-fire emergency, an announcement with further instructions will be made from the pulpit and texted to all parishioners with mobile numbers on file. If your cell phone is not listed in the Church Directory, but you would like it on the emergency-only contact list, see staff or the Welcome Desk.

Anniversary Celebration, April 28th, in the Parish Hall at Social Hour. Our Vestry invites you to celebrate our church's 187th Anniversary and the Feast Day of Saint Mark, Apostle and Evangelist!

ACCESS Walk May 5th-15th: The annual Walk For Good Food is fast approaching with a kick-off event on Sunday, May 5th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Richmond Park. As in the past few years, you may walk the routes that day, or walk on your own until May 15th. St. Mark's has a walk team which you can join, or you can donate online or by check can made out to "Access of West Michigan." Contact Scot (s.gugle@comcast.net) or Jeff (jefatgrey@gmail.com) for more information or visit the website givelively.org.

Safe Haven Training, Saturday, May 18th, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Register by May 10th. St. Mark's has expressed a heart for helping prevent and recognize domestic violence, relationship abuse and trafficking. Participants will engage in learning activities and help develop relevant church policies and procedures. St. Mark's will get ongoing coaching from Safe Haven Ministries. It will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to avoid conflicts with Breakfast Cafe and construction. Church staff, Vestry, and other leaders encouraged to attend.

Rector Search Committee Update: The official St. Mark's Rector posting is up on the Episcopal News Service, both the Western and Eastern Diocese websites, and will be included in the next edition of the Feast (e-newsletter). It is also being featured on our Facebook page. If you participate on Facebook, please "share" the post to gain more attention to our search (and encourage qualified candidates to apply)! Thank you for your continuing support and prayers. ~ Rector Search Committee

Have Questions or Ideas? Speak with the Vestry Person of the Day! Every Sunday, a Vestry representative will be available at the Welcome Desk after the 10:30 a.m. Service. This week it will be Amy Richards-Duncan.

For attendees of the 8:00 a.m. Service, the representatives are Dan McDonald and Brian Topolewski.