

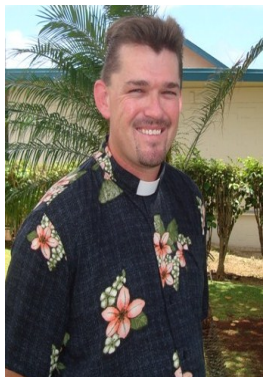


Saint Mark Lutheran Church

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Message from Pastor Matt



“Liturgical worship” is a phrase of many conversations this past year at Saint Mark and it has been the topic of discussion of the church for centuries. Liturgical simply means that it “is ordered, prescribed as to general outline and contents by authority, and accepted and used

by congregations widely distributed geographically but united in some general church body.” Simply put, it is the overall form that unites our Saint Mark ohana worship with Christians all over the world. It is within this form that each congregation gathers to worship God using the unique gifts they have received. Just as no two people are exactly alike, so are congregations. Each is distinct from one another, but the form of worship

is shared. The first English hymnal, *The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH)*, printed in 1941 contained 2 liturgies, each allowing flexibility for the congregation, but also maintaining a consistent order.

The purpose of the liturgies was to provide Lutheran churches “the medium of transforming, life-embracing communication of the grace of Christ in his Church” while the “scriptural content and tone of the liturgy is one of its greatest distinctions.” 70 years, and 5 hymnals/ supplements later, Lutheran worship has expanded to 7 liturgies with music, prayers, and creeds that encompass the breadth of 1900 years of the Christian church. That said, although our liturgy may be Lutheran, many parts of our worship liturgy come from all backgrounds of Christendom; hymns from Methodism, prayers of Catholicism, chants of the Anglican tradition, and songs from Protestantism.

Properly understood, all worship is based upon a liturgy, but the form varies based upon the denomination. Although aspects of the worship may be shared across denominations (i.e. “Amazing Grace”), the form of the worship emphasizes of the teachings of that denomination, while the styles of music, language, and traditions are unique to each congregation. Although we may sing the same “*Beautiful Savior*” as First Presbyterian or “*Agnus Dei*” as New Hope or *the Kyrie* as Saint Anns, our liturgical worship is very different. In order to provide better knowledge of Lutheran liturgy, the following months newsletters will include a “Worship Why’s”, explaining each aspect of our general liturgical worship. I have also included a page on our church website concerning [Aloha Clerical Shirts and Stoles](#) to share their significance as well.

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Upcoming Events in May

Ladies Tea



May 12 at 2pm . Ladies of all ages are invited to attend. We are also inviting our school families to the event as well. Please RSVP to Rachel at hilpertfamily@gmail.com to let me know how many will be attending so we have enough seats available.

Pillow Case Challenge

Our fourth Pillowcase Potluck: Saturday, May 19 from 1–4pm at the Wynhoff’s house. There is more to pillowcase creation than a needle and thread. We need ironers, pinners, and fabric cutters.

If you'd like to come and visit and observe what's involved in making these pillow cases, the more the merrier!

Remember, you don't need a Potluck to make a pillowcase. So if you have free time, consider sewing a pillowcase, or two, or more! It is a quick and easy project.

Thank you to all the wonderful stitchers who have helped with this project. All pillowcases are donated to Family Promise of Hawaii.

For information, please contact Luana Perry, luanaperry@yahoo.com; or Kristin Lim, yalkris@aol.com;

Junior High Lock-In



Come spend some time with your friends and with God on May 18th - 19th as we take a closer look at 1 John 4:9.

All 6-8 grade students are invited. The Concordia Texas Mission Trip Team will be leading us in games, devotions, and lots of fun all night long, so don't miss out!

If you would like to attend please sign up on the bulletin board on the lanai.

Pancake Breakfast

Please join us in the gym after worship on Mother's Day, May 13 for an old fashion Pancake breakfast. Best of all, the fathers will be cooking.

Set your DVR

Dan and Becky Truesdell will be on HGTV House Hunters on May 7th.



Bread Breakers

Our first bread breakers potluck was a huge success. Mahalo to Richard and Betty Knake for being such gracious hosts! Our next adult potluck will be Sunday, May 27 at 6pm at the home of Bill and Leslie Wynhoff. A sign-up sheet will be available out on the lanai. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. For information, contact the Lims.

Saint Mark Food Bank

Every Saturday morning, some of Kaneohe's less fortunate come to the church for food. Most have very little; some have no address except "homeless." Almost without exception they respond to our help with a sincere "thank you" or "God bless you." Some offer a prayer, others a hug or an expression of how much they appreciate what we are doing. There are usually 5-6 of us volunteers, sometimes more. There are always 40-50, 60, 70, sometimes MANY more of those who have need.

This is our Food Bank, our outreach program for many years; it thrives on the work of volunteers, along with the donations of food or money from our members. Our friends at First Presbyterian Church contribute heavily to this program, and we receive contributions also from Aloha Harvest and other volunteer groups, as well as a few

individuals, that gather food from stores and restaurants.

YOU can help us, too. The second Sunday of each month is designated as "Harvest Sunday." Your check in any amount will be helpful to us, as well as your contributions of food. We need, especially, canned meats (Vienna sausages, Spam, tuna), canned fruits (fruit cocktail, peaches, apple sauce, etc.), canned soups and canned beans. Look for the "Harvest Sunday" baskets and carts on the church lanai. If you would like to help out on a Saturday, let any of us know. MAHALO!

-Darrell (for Katie, Leah, Ardath, Mitch, Louise, Audrey and others)



Worship Why's

Liturgy, the form of our Christian worship, is designed in a specific way, emphasizing our Lutheran understanding of God, His Word & Sacraments, and our condition as beloved sinners. As one theologian wrote, "it is the medium of a transforming, life-embracing communication of the grace of Christ in His Church." The next months, we will focus on particular parts of our liturgy to better understand the whys and hows of our services, and explain the order of our traditional hymnals.

Invocation (Call to Worship):

Beginning in God's name and asking His presence and blessing upon us.

Time of Confession: Sin has separated us from God, therefore we must recognize, and confess our sins and receive Christ's absolution.

Readings from Scripture:

God speaks to us today through His eternal Word.

Sermon: We reflect on the Word of God for that day, led by our pastor.

Profession of Faith: We respond together declaring the faith God has instilled in us.

Offering: We respond to God's grace, offering to Him a portion of what we have received.

Prayer: Petitioning our God for the needs of ourselves, His Church, and the world for which Jesus Christ died.

Holy Communion: Remembering God's gift of salvation for us and receiving the very presence of Christ.

Blessing of God: God places His name on us and sends us to live as Christ's disciples out into the world.

May's Birthdays

5/4	Tom Annis
5/6	Isaiah Graham
5/8	Casey Fleischmann
5/9	Beth Slavens
5/12	Milt Gundermann
5/15	Audrey Rushforth
5/20	Mitch Appel Isaiah Chaffin Ryan Murata
5/22	Dan Chaffin
5/23	Liz Chaffin
5/26	Andrea Apilando
5/28	Nikki Hantel
5/29	Dar Fink Mary Hellinger
5/31	Derrick Miyasaki Jenni Tyau

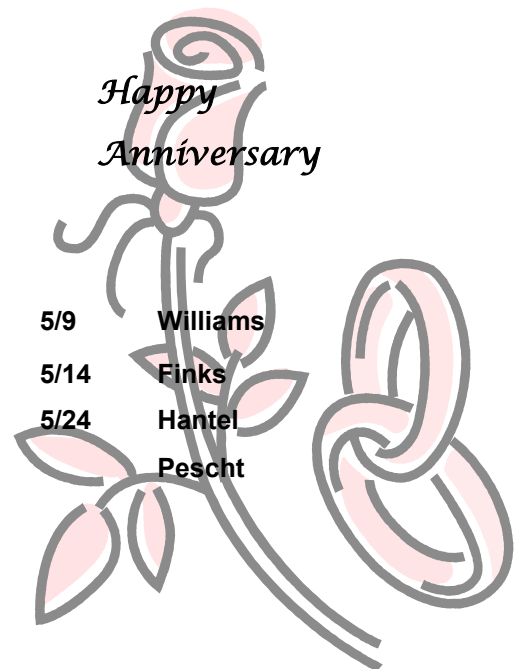
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Anniversary

5/9 Williams

5/14 Finks

5/24 Hantel

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Welcome to the Concordia University Texas Mission Trip Team!

Dr. Jacob Youmans, former DCE at Our Savior Aiea, is bringing four Concordia students out to Hawaii to serve the island from May 16th to the 23rd! While they are here they will be assisting in our worship service on May 20th, as well as leading chapel at our school, talking with our Youth Quest class, hosting our Junior High Lock-In, serving at a homeless shelter in town, spending time at a children's home, and other various service projects around the community. Be sure to meet and greet them while they are here!



Saint Mark Christian Education Classes are Expanding

The adult Sunday School Class continues to grow. We are doing a study of the Apostles. Men in the Word, which meets every other Saturday morning at Pastor's house is studying 19 minutes with Luther. Wednesday Morning Bible Class maintains a strong attendance.

Our Junior/Senior High Sunday School are studying "strange and bizarre stories in the Bible" every Sunday Morning in Sarah's office.

Our Keiki Sunday School has grown to necessitate an additional class. We now have an elementary grade level and a Pre -K/Kindergarten class. Both Classes study the same lesson, but at their own age level. All classes come together for Keiki Church, where the lesson of the day is reinforced with a craft or activity.

The Sunday School Singers meet at the beginning of the Sunday School hour. They are practicing a new song and improving their singing skills.

We can always use more volunteers to help with our keiki. The work is easy and rewarding to bring God's Word to our little ones. See Sarah or Rachel to sign up.



To our Saint Mark Ohana:

Your generous outpouring of love on Sunday was truly awesome. The lovely, fragrant leis, the cards, the delicious food, and most of all the hugs and best wishes confirmed what we have always known :

the Saint Mark Ohana is truly special. Your love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is evident in all you do and say and we have been blessed to be a part of you for 18 years.

Blessings and Love,
Alice & Buddy



Lutheran Women's League



Who we are?

Ladies (and Gents) within the congregations of the Lutheran

Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

What we do?

- * Mites (your spare change from daily activities) that provide funds for Mission Work worldwide. Mary Stewart collects mites every 3rd Sunday. if you need a Mite box, see Mary.
- * Scrumptious bake sales to support local missions. Appreciation luncheon for our Saint Mark staff.
- * Ribbon Leis for our Kindergarten and 8th graduates.
- * Recognize special day; Mother's Day, Father's Day, and

Confirmation.

Join us at:

- * Quarterly planning meetings.
- * Spring Rallies
- * Annual Hawaiian Retreats
- * Bi-annual national LWML Convention.
- * Bi-annual California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention, usually on the Mainland but we have taken our turn as well.

For information see:
Sally Brady, Dot Brum, or
Adele Mitchell

Thank you for all those that helped with our **30 Hour Famine Lock-In!** Check out the church's facebook page to see some great pictures from the event.



Upcoming Events in June

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Join us **June 4-8** for "Babylon" VBS as we learn about Daniel and his friends and how God worked in their lives. We will meet each day from **8:30 am to 12:30 pm** with drop-off starting at 8:00 am.

If you would like to **register** your child for VBS you can do so online at

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/saintmarkkaneoh> or by filling out a form located on the bulletin board and returning it to Sarah.

We need your help! If you would like to **volunteer** you can also do so online at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/saintmarkkaneoh> or by emailing Sarah



Family Promise Week

Our next Family Promise rotation begins Sunday, June 10. We will need volunteers to serve as dinner and overnight hosts. Please begin thinking of a way you can serve. The sign-up board will go up in the next few weeks.

Church Calendar

Click on the link to take you to our calendar.

[Saint Mark Calendar](#)

May Service Schedule

May 6:

Acolyte: Gracie C.
Lectors: Rachel H. & Mary Ann S.
Media Tech: Josh H.
Ushers: Lutz P., Mark F., Luke K., Jonathan B.
Elder: Dar Fink
Kingdom Callers: Wynhoff Ohana
Keiki Message: SMLS 7th Graders
Sunday School: Rachel H., LeNore W., Shannon C.

May 20:

Acolyte: Noah G.
Lectors: Dar F. & Betty K.
Media Tech: Scott M.
Ushers: Paul G., Frank T., Jason M., Jerry H.
Elder: Anthony Warren
Kingdom Callers: Dole Ohana
Keiki Message: CTX Mission Group
Sunday School: CTX Mission Group

May 13:

Acolyte: Josh H.
Lectors: Mitch A. & Nikki H.
Media Tech: Jason M.
Ushers: Tom A., David G., Nathan N., Matt P.
Elder: Anthony Warren
Kingdom Callers: Lim Ohana
Keiki Message: SMLS 7th Graders
Sunday School: Jen H., Kate C., Shannon C.

May 27:

Acolyte: Miriam H.
Lectors: Darrell S. & Anthony W.
Media Tech: Beth S.
Ushers: Rick F., Tom S., Anthony W., Lyle O.
Elder: TBA
Kingdom Callers: Bretscher Ohana
Keiki Message: Nikki C.
Sunday School: Kimi G., Beth S., Doug H.



Blue a new color choice for the LCMS cross logo. You also will begin to see red, purple and green treatments for the LCMS logo cross.

Refreshed branding for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

One of the most notable changes in our updated branding is an expanded color palette for the LCMS cross logo. This is meant to provide more flexibility for international, national, district and congregational communications.

For years, congregations and schools have been using colors for the LCMS cross logo other than burgundy, to match school colors. The rationale for the change in the color of the logo cross is multifaceted. It serves to acknowledge that there has been much change taking place within the church; namely, historic, sweeping changes to the church body's system of structure and governance as a result of the restructuring resolutions. It allows for better

integration with the color palette of the *Witness, Mercy, Life Together* emphasis for the church. And, it provides more options for other programs of the church to use a complementary cross logo in their communications.

However, by not altering the shape or the theological intent of the logo cross design, we are conveying that the core of who the LCMS is and what we do remains the same.

You may be asking, "Can we keep the burgundy cross logo?" The answer is absolutely. Our refreshed branding standards are widening the colors available for use.