

Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
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**Pilgrim's** "The Resurrection" Stained Glass Window. The Window was donated by Pilgrim's Women's group 1952-1953 (entire chancel triptych set of Nativity, Crucifixion and Resurrection) was donated in Honor of Rev. Walter H Maier.

## "Pilgrim's Progress"

April 2023

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## April Worship Schedule at Pilgrim

### Sunday Worship Service Schedule in April

**9:00 a.m.** Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class, meets in the Discovery Conference Room.

**9:30 a.m.** Arrangements can be made to have a short Sunday School Lesson at 9:30 a.m.

**10:00 a.m.** Worship Service Indoors and on Facebook and Pilgrim's website.

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.**

Please be sure to attend our Sunday morning Bible Class at 9 a.m. in our Conference Room.

Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D teaches the Bible Classes. (No Bible Class on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.)

### **Holy Week Schedule**



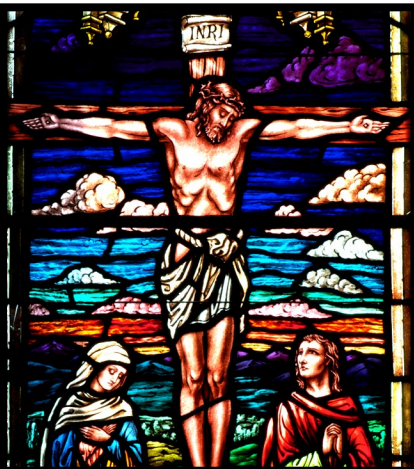
#### **Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 10 a.m. Indoor Worship & Online**

This day marks the beginning of Holy Week, when Jesus entered into Jerusalem to shouts of, "Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord." Don't miss this beautiful service and remember to invite a friend.

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 6 p.m. in person and Online**

Traditionally, Maundy Thursday is the day we observe the night Jesus washed His Disciples' feet and instituted the Lord's Supper of Holy Communion. Another tradition is the enacting the "Stripping of the Altar" at the end of Worship as we remove the signs of Glory in preparation for our Lord's Death. This is the sacred night when Jesus gave His mandates (Latin: Mandatum) to serve one another as represented in Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, and to, "Do this in re-

membrance of Me," referring to the institution of the Lord's Supper, remembering the final evening before Jesus died.



#### **Good Friday, April 7th at 12 Noon. In person Worship & Online**

This most Holy day of the Church year and recalls the day Jesus died and the sky turned black. As we read His seven final Words from the cross we will extinguish the Candle Stand, candle by candle, until all candles have been extinguished. This is a somber, reflective day that reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us. Please join us in-person in the Sanctuary, or on Facebook or Pilgrim's website for the "Service of Darkness."

**Thank you to those who attended our Worship Service March 19, 2023 and voted to update Pilgrim's Mission Statement. The vote was unanimous. Pilgrim's new Mission Statement is:**

***"Called by the Holy Spirit, we are a community of worship and service that invites the people of Santa Monica and beyond to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacraments."***

**Sunday Gospel Readings for April**

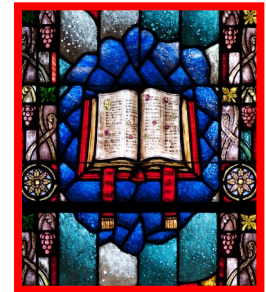
**April 2 Matthew 26:1–27:66**

**April 9 Matthew 28:1–10**

**April 16 John 20:19–31**

**April 23 Luke 24:13–35**

**April 30 John 10:1–10**



**Palm Sunday**

Please meet us at the church doors for our 10 a.m. Worship Service, as we hand out a Palm cross to everyone, before walking into the sanctuary, in remembrance of Jesus Christ..

“Rite of Confirmation” for Pilgrim’s Confirmands will be held during our Palm Sunday Worship Service.

(We will not hold Bible Class on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.)



**Easter Sunday Worship Service April 9th at 10 a.m.**



**Indoor Worship and Online**

Easter Sunday is The Day of Days and the reason the Christian Church Worships on a Sunday, as a remembrance of when Jesus rose from the dead and changed everything! Special music and Alleluias will bless you on this day. Be sure to invite a friend. “He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!”



**April Calendar at a Glance (Worship Services are in person and on FB and our website.)**

- April 2** Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion  
**April 2** Rite of Confirmation for Confirmands during Worship Service  
**April 6** Maundy Thursday worship Service in person at 6 p.m.  
**April 7** Good Friday Worship Service at 12 Noon, in person  
**April 9** †Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion  
**April 16** †Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion  
**April 23** †Third Sunday of Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion  
**April 23** Church Council Meeting after Worship Service.  
**April 30** †Third Sunday of Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. / Holy Communion

Please contact Barbara P. for information regarding the ALPHA Bible Study/ Prayer Meetings. Barbara has ordered books and supplies for this ongoing program.

**We have resumed hosting our after worship service fellowship hour!**

We want to thank Jane S. and Sue P. for getting this started. We need volunteers to host these events. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. With a receipt, Pilgrim will reimburse you for the expenses you incur. When the weather improves, we will hold these events in our beautiful courtyard. Until then we will meet in the Narthex or gym.

Thank you to those of you who have been using Pilgrim's on-line giving app via a company called PushPay. The company does a lot of work with Christian Churches.

**LCMS Websites**

Keep current on the activities and events of our Pacific South District (PSD) Missouri Synod by going to their website at [www.psdnews@psd-lcms.org](http://www.psdnews@psd-lcms.org). You can get a weekly newsletter and stay up to date. You may also check out the Synod's website at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org). Good Lutherans stay informed!

**LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO**

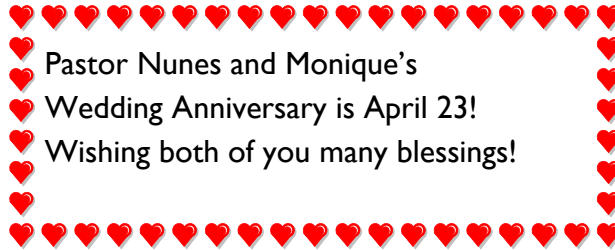
**The Lutheran Hour** was first broadcast Oct. 2, 1930 and continues on the air today, making it the world's oldest continually broadcast Christ-centered radio program. To listen: go to LHM podcasts: <https://www.lhm.org/podcasts/> For 24/7, go to: <https://www.lhm.org/> in our LLL district, here are popular radio stations and times: 8:00 a.m. Costa Mesa KBRT 740 AM 1:30 p.m. Glendale KKL 99.5 FM 7:00 a.m. Sirius – XM Family Talk 131 8:00 p.m. Monday Santa Monica 98.3 KZLA FM and 5:30 a.m. Sunday 5:30 a.m. KZLA . Rev. John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D, can occasionally be heard on the Lutheran Hour. His remaining schedule to preach is June 4, 2023. The April 16, 2023 date will be rescheduled to circumstances at LHM.

**Prayer Requests** If you have a prayer request, you may call the Church office with your request or you may send an email to [amenmail@aol.com](mailto:amenmail@aol.com)

## Praise the Lord for Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays in April

John T. April 2  
Jeff W. April 20  
Chris M. April 25  
James A. April 26  
Rosemary E. April 27  
Matthew S. April 28  
Pete S. April 29



Pastor Nunes and Monique's  
Wedding Anniversary is April 23!  
Wishing both of you many blessings!

## “News from Pastor Nunes”

### STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

On Saturday, December 10, 2022, Pilgrim Lutheran Church kicked off its Strategic Planning Process with a face-to-face meeting in the Ardon Albrecht Room. There have been numerous Zoom meetings since then. The Committee organized itself into four teams following the MAPS framework:

**Mission:** What are we called as a congregation to be and to do?

**Assets:** What resources (human, financial, buildings) do we have available to accomplish our Mission.

**Priorities:** What are the focused areas of programmatic emphasis?

**Steps:** What are the concrete actions to implement the strategic plan.

**We are excited that our new mission statement was unanimously endorsed by the Mission Team, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Church Council, and the Congregation. It is:**

**Called by the Holy Spirit, we are a community of worship and service that invites the people of Santa Monica and beyond to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacraments.**

### The Strategic Planning Team Members

**MISSION TEAM:** Mat, Allen, Laura.

**ASSETS TEAM:** Barbara, Michael, Kathy.

**PRIORITIES TEAM:** Carolyn, Jan, Joseph P, Joe L.

**STEPS TEAM:** Tim, Ritch, Jim

A Strategic Planning Retreat will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Spirituality Center (Saint Monica Church) 730 Washington Av., Santa Monica, CA. The primary focus will be to develop the concrete actions to implement the strategic plan. A full report with recommendations will come before the congregation soon after the Retreat on June 3. Please pray that the Committee may act with faithfulness, wisdom, and vision.

Faithfulness to generate a plan that is aligned with what the Lord Jesus specifically wills for us in 2023. Wisdom to be attentive to the accrual of knowledge that comes from the generations of those who established our congregation and our faith tradition built on the apostolic teaching. Vision to dare to follow the Holy Spirit into a future that we cannot see without the eyes of faith.

Proverbs 16:1-3

“The plans of the mind belong to mortals,  
but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.  
2 All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes,  
but the Lord weighs the spirit.  
3 Commit your work to the Lord,  
and your plans will be established.”

## In Our Prayers. . . .

### Prayers of Intercession

For those in the Mississippi Tornado devastation.

For those in the California floods.

For those with Dystonia

For James, Speech Apraxia

For Randy—breathing issues

Mark C.—Lungs

Evelyn L. Stroke recovery

For Pilgrim

Roger H. —Hepatitis C

Medical personnel, first responders

Hilda's mother Berjik, Health

Tiffany's mother and family

Social Justice, End of Racism

Dave K. brain shunt

Kathy, heart and shoulder

Grace, Dystonia

Edith A. shoulder

Pearl R. Stroke recovery

Jim K, myasthenia gravis & cancer

Neven, heart procedure

Corine, health

Julia A. fibromyalgia, arthritis

Cyndy for heart issues

Mary's mother

Pastor G. health and eyesight

Frank, ALS

Annie, Cystic Fibrosis

Greater Evangelism

Marriage difficulties

Unemployment

### Prayers for Those Fighting Cancer

Megan, breast cancer

Melissa, breast cancer

JoAnna, breast cancer

Arthur N.-cancer

Dale Frese-cancer

Russel-pancreatic cancer

Myrna, Bob's stepmom

Susan M.

Brian, Stomach, Esophagus

Rudolph A.

George D. Bladder cancer

Cezanne, intestinal cancer

Carole, stomach

Cindy C.

Monique Y.

Steve H.

Debbie D.

Susan S.

Ken B.

Hilda's husband Jim

Ivan P.

Dana A.

Kay T.

Kim

Zack

Bob's Aunt

Charles (prostate)

Rich Z.

Greg W.

Paul

Jill

Paul

Marc F. Bladder

Tammy F, lung cancer

### Continued Prayers

Protection for Police Officers & Firefighters

Protection for our troops

Jews for Jesus Ministry

The ill and lonely

Persecuted Christians

Andrew S. in military

### (Continued)

Corby-health issues

Lamar, needs housing

Natalie-Restoration

Chloe

Alex B. for recovery

Mary Ann's health

Sharon C. -Healing

Kathy H's sister Alice—MS

For Missionaries

Laurie's mother

Abused children

Steve G. tumors

### Prayers of Praise & Thanks

For the Birth of Jesus!

For America's Leaders!

For our Wonderful Country!

For Pastor Nunes & Monique!

For Pilgrim's Wonderful Volunteers!



## Pastor Nunes is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Religion, Culture and Democracy

Pastor Nunes spoke at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, on March 7th. Representatives from this excellent organization have met here at Pilgrim and we hope to have them back soon.

Pilgrim also hosted the “Lectionary Fellowship Meeting”, on March 19-21, 2023. Pastors from across the USA met and discussed Scripture, Sermons and fellowshiped with each other. We want to thank Pastor Nunes for his efforts to give Pilgrim National and International publicity and recognition.



*Thank  
You*

We want to thank Mat for his excellent filming for our midweek Lenten Worship Services that we held online. Mat M. also did some fun special effects for these services. The Lenten Theme this year was “Growing in faith with the Plants of Lent.” The March 15, 2023 midweek Lenten theme was “Broom Tree” AKA Juniper Tree. The photos above show Mat’s creativity.

As this April issue goes to print, Pilgrim’s Confirmands are scheduled to be formally Confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. We want to congratulate those who worked so hard during their Catechism Lessons.

Rebecca S, Matthew S., Lucas R. and Nicholas K.





