



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Mark's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

❖ ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES:

- A **nursery** is located in the back of the church lobby.
- A **privacy room**, especially reserved for nursing mothers, is located on the east side of the church entryway.

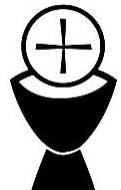


❖ HEARING AND READING ASSISTANCE:

- **Personal hearing assistance devices** are available on the entryway wall near the sanctuary's west entrance door. The sanctuary is also *looped* for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.
- We also have **large print service booklets** that you can pick up on the shelf under the Information Center bulletin board in the church lobby



- ❖ **PARTICIPATION IN THE LORD'S SUPPER:** St. Mark's celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The Bible teaches us that the Lord's Supper is a statement of God's grace and forgiveness to us, *and* a statement of our "oneness" or complete unity of faith with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). *For this reason, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have previously expressed their oneness with us through membership at St. Mark's or membership in another congregation in our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).* If you haven't had the opportunity to fully learn what we believe and teach at St. Mark's but you would like to join us for the Lord's Supper in the future, please speak to the pastor after today's service or at another time. He would be happy to meet with you and to work toward a common confession of faith with you so that you can join us for the Lord's Supper in the near future.



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Focus of Today's Service: Last week we saw Jesus provide proof of his resurrection so his disciples could know for certain they had peace with God. Today we see Jesus provide proof so his disciples can know their role as witnesses. While you and I were not there to see Jesus on that first Easter, we too are witnesses of his resurrection because we've been given exactly the same thing the disciples used: the Word. And as we'll celebrate today, the Word has a very effective message!

PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

Kevin Hildebrand

OPENING HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen

Christian Worship #143 (vss 1,4,5)

1. **He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**
4. **Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**
5. **Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.**

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

**All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8-12

Look at Peter now! A man who once had denied Jesus thrice is now boldly proclaiming law and gospel!

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!
⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118

Christian Worship Supplement pg. 57

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He



gives us the vic - to - ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

Psalm Tone



The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

“The LORD’S right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

The gospel always has an effective...smell...because the Holy Spirit is always working through it.

^{2:12} Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, ¹³ I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

^{3:1} Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? ² You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. ³ You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴ Such confidence we have through Christ before God. ⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. ⁶ He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 24:32

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

Worship services center on the Gospel reading; we rise to highlight its function.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

They saw and touched, and so Jesus sends them out as witnesses to the world with a powerful message.

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

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⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Joyful Eastertide

Christian Worship #160

1. **This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.**

Refrain:

**Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen.**

2. **Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.**

Refrain

3. **My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.**

Refrain

SERMON

Luke 24:36-49

You Are Witnesses of These Things

PLEASE STAND after the sermon

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

BE SEATED

OUR THANK OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the basket on the table, mail your thank offering to the church, or give online through our website under the "Resources" tab. The QR Code to the giving link is at the end of the bulletin.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church.)

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

1. **O holy, holy, holy**
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.
2. **Hosanna in the highest!**
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

C: **By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**



LAMB OF GOD *(musical introduction)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please follow the direction of the ushers. Communion will be offered with a continuous flow distribution, with communicants exiting their pew toward the side aisle and returning to their pew via the center aisle.

1. **Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand he stands And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
2. **No son of man could conquer death, Such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth, And therefore death had brought us
Into bondage from of old And ever grew more strong and bold
And held us as its captive. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
3. **Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down, His people to deliver;
Destroying sin, he took the crown From death's pale brow forever.
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; An empty form alone remains;
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
4. **It was a strange and dreadful strife When life and death contended.
The victory remained with life; The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly says That death is swallowed up by death;
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
5. **Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—So strong his love—to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
6. **So let us keep the festival To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
7. **Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

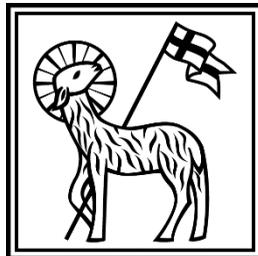
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(as needed)

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Christian Worship #311 (vss 1-6)

1. **Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
2. **Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.**
3. **He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.**
4. **Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.**
5. **Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.**
6. **Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.**



PLEASE STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

1. **O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**
2. **All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Christian Worship #318

1. **Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**
2. **With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us;
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

John Behnke

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brock Groth

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Altar Flowers: Flowers beautifying the altar have been placed there in honor of Derek Williamson by the Williamson Family.

Children's Sunday School—Study at Home Sunday School

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector: Luke 18:9-14

Here's the online link if you need: <https://online.npb.net/ss-at-home>

Adult & Teen Bible Studies

- **Old Testament Survey:** 9:30-10:15 am (in person & online)
- **Teen Class:** via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

To connect to the auto giving option:



To online Connect Card:



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

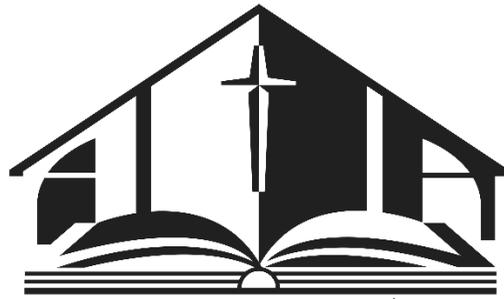
Weekly Calendar

Today		Communion
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Indoor)
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service (Indoor)
	7:00 p.m.	Teen Bible Study
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	NwP2 Committees
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	NorCal Men's Conference
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Information Class
	1:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting (Non-SMLS)
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Indoor)
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service (Outdoor)

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Patricia MacDonald	<i>Apr 18</i>	
Elizabeth Manthei	<i>Apr 19</i>	
Rebekkah McCurry		
Kathryn Bishop	<i>Apr 20</i>	Teresa & Richard Milam
Michael Gunter	<i>Apr 22</i>	
Margaret Coats	<i>Apr 23</i>	
Wesley LeMay		
Penny Beaushaw	<i>Apr 24</i>	
Vince Beiderbecke		
Jonathan Brown		
Alexander Wallace		

PEACE BE WITH YOU
AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME
I AM SENDING YOU

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Sunday Services at 8:00 am (Indoor & Live streamed) & 10:45 a.m. (Indoor*)

*(4th Sundays – Outdoor, Sept-May)

Children's Sunday School Study from Home

Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:15 (Indoor & Live streamed)

Monday Evening Service on hold until further notice

Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

Jonathan Kolander	Pastor
Brock Groth	Pastor
Darren Vogt	Principal, Grades 6-8
Hannah Ripley	Grades 3-5
Rosemarie Boushek	Grades 1-2
Judy Thrans	Jr.K/Kindergarten
Greg Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Lisa Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Ruth Vogt	Art
Dena Oswald	Ext. School Day Care

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