

# **CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

**April 10, 2022**



**GLORIFY HIM ...  
GROW IN HIM ...  
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent ... Palm Sunday

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## A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship 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.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

## Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

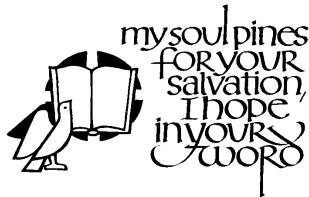
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Bulletin; you will find them on the table with the Bulletins.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' are in the 'red' book / 'Christian Worship Supplement' in the 'blue' 'Christian Worship Hymnal' is our 2021 Edition (not yet in the Pews)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



Explore our website. You will find information on Worship, Bible Study, Devotions, Children's Sunday School, and More.

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** How is your eyesight? Are you near-sighted or far-sighted? Do you need ‘reading’ glasses? Do you lose your glasses? Glasses (and contacts) can get dirty, and thus make it difficult to see things clearly. Do you keep them dirty/smudged? To see clearly we clean such; the concept is not different with our hearts (faith). Keeping our ‘eyes’ (heart) focused on Jesus, we have the vision needed to go through this life as we look forward to the life to come. Our worship today is designed to maintain and improve our vision.

## PRELUDE

### Fanfare on “St. Theodulph”

*Arr. Melchior Teschner*

## *Greeting & Invocation*

## CHOIR

### Hosanna to the Son of David

*Michael Bedford © Choristers Guild*

*(Refrain) Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David!  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, Jesus comes.*

*Riding on a donkey through the city streets,  
Jesus smiles and waves to everyone he meets. Refrain*

*See palm branches waving as the people say,  
“Blest is he who comes on this triumphant day!” Refrain*

Minister: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace

**Congregation: Your mercies are new every morning.**

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

**C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

M: Better than life is your love.

**C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!**

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

**C: Let us worship Him.**

*Hosanna - Save Us! . . . And, the Lord has saved us!*

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**

**RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Lamentations 3**

M: ... this I call to mind

**C: and therefore I have hope:**

M: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

**C: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

M: I say to myself,

**C: "The LORD is my portion therefore I will wait for him."**

M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him ... Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,

**C: so great is his unfailing love.**

M: For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men

**C: Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

M: Let us give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C: Let us worship Him.**

**COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD**

**Psalm 95**

*(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first three staves are numbered 1, 2, and 3. The fourth staff is marked with a repeat sign and the instruction 'Repeat for use with canon'. The lyrics are: 'Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock; come, en - ter in with our songs of praise, come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.'

*Verses*

1. You are a great and a wondrous God,  
 2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
 cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
 kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.  
 You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
 You are the God whom we call our own,  
*to Refrain*  
 you made the seas and the dry land.  
 we are the flock that you shep - herd.

M: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect obedience;

**C: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



**RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 119**

M: Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

**C: Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.**

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 45:22-25

*True righteousness, along with true strength, are found in and come through God alone.*

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. <sup>24</sup> They will say of me, ‘In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.’” All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. <sup>25</sup> But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the LORD and will make their boast in him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

**In You is Gladness**

*Christian Worship # 346*

**In you is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, Sunshine of my heart.  
By you are given The gifts of heaven; You the true Redeemer are.  
Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking. Who trusts you surely Has built securely  
And stands forever. Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see your shining,  
Dying or living To you are clinging Now and forever. Alleluia!**

**If he is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of his glory With hearts and voices; All heav’n rejoices  
In him forever. Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Win over sadness,  
Love him and praise him And still shall raise him Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!**

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-3

*What is keeping you from living a God-pleasing life? Who, or what, has your focus makes a difference.*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

## We Are Singing

*Christian Worship Supplement # 732*

*Vocalists on the Verses & 1<sup>st</sup> Refrain,  
Congregation to join in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & following Refrains*

***(Refrain) We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.  
We are singing, Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light,  
We are singing, Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.***

*The Lord is the strength of our lives; Of whom shall we be afraid?  
Though foes may be near to destroy; The Lord will be our light.      **Refrain***

*One thing have we asked of the Lord, Yes, this is the thing we seek:  
To dwell in the house of the Lord, To live with God forever.      **Refrain***

*When burdens are heavy to bear, Our shelter is God alone.  
Our feet are lifted high, Yes high upon a rock.      **Refrain***

*We walk in the strength of the Lord; God's love is ever sure.  
We shout that the world may hear; We sing a joyful song.      **Refrain***

***Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.***

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Luke 19:28-40**

*Jesus is worthy of honor and glory and praise. How will you show you believe this?*

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"



# CHOIR

# Antiphonal Hosanna

G. Alan Smith, 1983 Hope Publishing Company

*Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!*

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Musical Introduction*

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*(New) Christian Worship # 412*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

“Let Us Not Grow Weary & Lose Heart”

A CONFESSION OF FAITH – Based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles’ Creed

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

M: What are we meaning to say with these words?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

M: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C: In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

M: This is most certainly true.

**YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU**

*(A short introduction will be played by accompanist) ...All on the ‘bold’ Refrains, Vocalist(s) on the Verses*

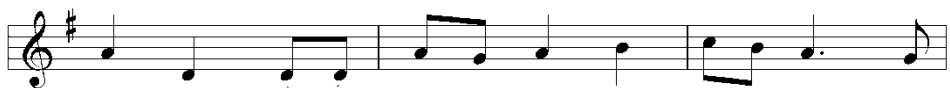
*Refrain*

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

*Verses*

1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, We  
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God,  
 You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, We  
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly,  
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your  
 To the Trin - i - ty most  
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*  
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

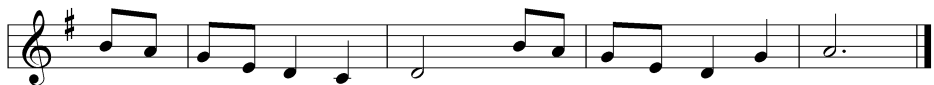
**Final Refrain**



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



**OUR THANK OFFERING** *(Not collected during the Service)*

*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**

M: Grant us, O Lord, to live each day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evenings victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever. Make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred,

**C: let us sow love;**

M: where there is injury,

**C: pardon;**

M: where there is doubt,

**C: faith;**

M: where there is despair,

**C: hope;**

M: where there is darkness,

**C: light;**

M: where there is sadness,

**C: joy.**

M: O Lord, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;

**C: for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

M: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

**C: Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*And we also pray ...*

**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.**

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

*Christian Worship # 452*

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;  
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,  
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.**

**Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,  
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.**

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.  
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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. Hosanna! Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

*Christian Worship # 353*

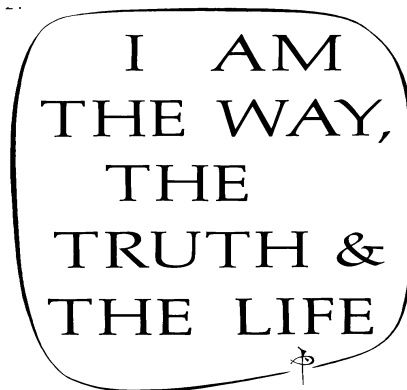
**Praise the one who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the Father's word of peace.**

**Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the one who makes us one.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE**

**Serenade**

*Joseph Haydn*



# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke      Percussion: Don Black

Vocalist(s): Hannah Ripley, Jenny Kolander

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## Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 10:30 (online too) ... “Scripture and Handel’s ‘Messiah’”

Children Sunday School ... Not meeting today

Teens, in person, at 10:30 in the Teen Room

## For Reflection based on Today’s Scripture Readings ...

1<sup>st</sup>: How do you describe the ‘righteousness’ of God? What ‘strength’ does He provide you, and how does He do this? Read all of Isaiah 45 and 53.

2<sup>nd</sup>: What is that ‘entangles’ you as you strive to walk with Jesus through this life? What are some things you are doing, can do, to help keep your eyes ‘fixed’ on Jesus? A way to remember God loves you is by doing what? Read all of Hebrews 12.

3<sup>rd</sup>: How did Jesus have the courage to go through with it as He knew what was ahead of Him in a few days? How do you plan on showing respect for Jesus in the coming weeks? Read Psalm 119.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

### Weekly Calendar

Today	9:15 am 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Drop-Off Worship Service Bible Study Connect 2030
Wednesday	8:20 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	School Chapel Service Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study Worship Service
Friday	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Worship Good Friday Worship
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Church Campus Work Day
Sunday	8:00 & 10:45 9:15 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion Light Breakfast (in the MPC)

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Vivian Achodo	<i>Apr 11</i>	
Franklin Galvez		
Kaede Baker	<i>Apr 12</i>	
Louisa Burke	<i>Apr 16</i>	
Len Sampaio		

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Sunday Services normally at 8:00 am (Live streamed) & 10:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School Study, 9:15-10:30, meet in the Chapel  
Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:20 (Live streamed) ... Teens in the Teen Rm  
Monday Evening Service at 6:30 PM in the Adm Building Chapel (starts again April 25)  
Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m. (*when School in session*)