CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

April 17, 2022



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

Easter Sunday ... He Is Risen!

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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 1st, 3rd, & 5th 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: Have you thought about what heaven will be like? What have you come up with? The Bible gives us glimpses of what heaven will be like for us who confess Jesus as Lord. While we don't have all the answers we might like to have, we have enough to know our hope for heaven is a good thing. Heaven is not just a pipe dream, a checking out of reality; it is reality, and thank God it is for without it we would be hard pressed to get through this life. Celebrate, then: Jesus lives. A place in heaven has been secured through Jesus. How do you plan to live your life now with this news firmly in your heart?

PRELUDE

Greeting & Invocation

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

M: Christ Jesus has risen, C: He has risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN (Musical introduction)

> I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save. He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Women: Where, O death, is your victory? Men: Where, O death, is your sting?

He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above. (no intro) He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

> He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye. He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

M: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Ps 118)

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Jesus Christ is Risen Today Sue Mitchell-Wallace & John Head

(1 Cor. 15)

Christian Worship # 152

(no intro) He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears. He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

> He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

M: We worship in the name of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. C: Let us worship Him.

(no intro) He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring my safely there.

> He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

M: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.

M: If we confess our sins,

C: He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: This is how God showed His love among us:

Men: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

M: This is love:

Women: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

M: Jesus said to her (*Martha*), "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

C: and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

M: Do you believe this?"

C: Yes!

- M: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
- C: Amen. Let us live for Him.

CHOIR

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

New Christian Worship # 447

Choir will sing the Verses, Congregation asked to join in on the Refrains

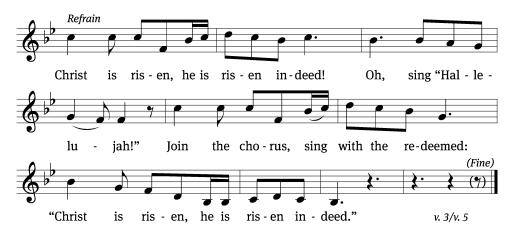
How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice, to conquer ev'ry sting of death? Sing, sing "Hallelujah!" (v. 2)

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes. Alive he stands, their friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is risen! (**Refrain**)

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed. But blest are those who have not seen, yet sing "Hallelujah!" (v. 4)

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace and pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. (**Refrain**)

The pow'r that raised him from the grave now works in us to pow'rf'lly save. He frees our hearts to live his grace; go, tell of his goodness. (**Refrain**)

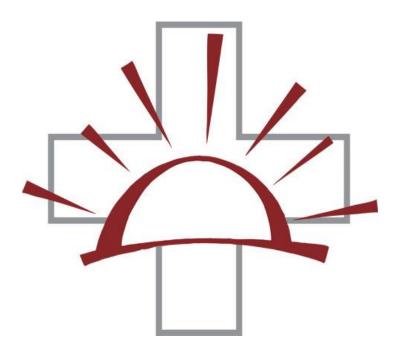


A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Good question ... 'Who is god like you?' The God of the Bible is unique, and so is His plan of salvation.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. ² "The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³ The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵ The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy. ⁷ "In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. ⁸ By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹ The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' ¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹ Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

M: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God! Let us worship Him.**





The LORD is my strength <u>and</u> my song;* he has become my salvation. The LORD'S right hand is <u>lifted high</u>;* the LORD'S right hand has done <u>mighty</u> things! I will not <u>die</u> but live,* and will proclaim what the <u>LORD</u> has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you <u>an</u>swered me;* you have become my sal<u>va</u>tion. The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cap</u>stone;* the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous <u>in</u> our eyes. This is the day the <u>LORD</u> has made;* let us rejoice and be <u>glad</u> in it.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

There is plenty of proof pointing to the resurrection of Jesus.

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

M: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God! Let us worship Him.

CHOIR

The Day of Resurrection

Based on Christian Worship # 166 ... Arr by Benjamin Harlan © 1990 Alfred Publishing Co

Congregation to sing Verses 1 & 3, Choir will sing Verse 2

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God. From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky, Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin. Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend; For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. (Ps 105)

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Is Jesus dead or alive? Can people know the answer by how you live your life?

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God! Let us worship Him.

HYMN (Musical introduction) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Christian Worship # 157

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia! Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

"Shadows of the Savior: Comfort From An Early Cemetery"

Luke 24:1-12

Based on Job 19:23-27

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring my safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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.

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have" 2 Corinthians 8:12.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.
- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.
- M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

THE SACRAMENT

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

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 \oplus 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

The ushers will direct Communicants in a continuous flow distribution of the Sacrament. Communicants will exit the pews to the outside and return to their seats via the center aisle. We start from the front to the back on the Lecturn side, and back to front on the Pulpit side. If you need to be communed in the pew, please let an Usher know of this. When approaching each table, communicants may pause as they take and eat / drink.

As a reminder: Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members and those who spoke with the Pastor ahead of time partake of the Sacrament. In the future, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor following the Service / during the week.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Musical Introduction

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared Christian Worship # 312

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation; It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation

As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest, For comfort, and for pardon.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving. This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do, For you, Lord, are almighty.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Musical Introduction

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia *Christian Worship Supplement # 719*

See page 16 for this Hymn

- M: We pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people,
- C: so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Women: Live in harmony with one another. Men: Serve the Lord with gladness.

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. Thanks be to God! Let us live with Him. Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN *Musical Introduction* In Christ Alone Christian Worship Supplement # 752

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand; Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er Wilbur Held

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt Percussion: Don Black ... Trumpet: Dennis Vogt

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For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...

1st: What do these words have to do with Easter? How does God carry out justice? Which words from this section give you comfort and hope? Read Isaiah 40.

2nd: How does the Gospel save 'you'? What proof has been given to confirm the resurrection of Jesus, and why is this significant and sufficient? How do you plan to hold firmly to this Gospel? Read 2 Corinthians 4.

3rd: How (Why) do we act at times like Jesus is still dead? What words of the Angels jump out for you? How did the followers of Jesus respond to the news about Jesus no longer being dead? Read 1 Peter 1.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	'Light' Breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Center (MPC)
Monday		No School at St. Mark's this week
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Study
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Book Club in the Luther Room
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	LWMS Rally at Faith in Anderson
		(Registration starts at 8:30)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

Birthdays		Anniversaries
Paul Baker	April 17	
Clara Jackson		
Patricia MacDonald	April 18	
Elizabeth Manthei	April 19	
Kathryn Bishop	April 20	Richard & Teresa Milam
David Lewis	April 21	
Michael Gunter	April 22	
Margie Coats	April 23	
Wesley LeMay		



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Sunday Services 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 Room Monday Evening Service at 6:30 PM in the Adm Building Chapel Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

> Jonathan Kolander Pastor Stacie Malone Office Adm Office Adm Linda Halfhill Shawn Butler Campus Custodian Mike Rausch Teen Study Leader Darren Vogt Principal, Grades 7-8 Tyler Wahl Grades 5-6 Hannah Ripley Grades 3-4 Rosemarie Boushek Grades 1-2 Alyssa Bergemann Jr.K/Kindergarten Greg Thiesfeldt Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8 Ruth Vogt Art Dena Oswald Ext. School Day Care

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Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



This Tanzanian Easter hymn reminds us that the empty tomb is a message that transcends all time and culture.

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