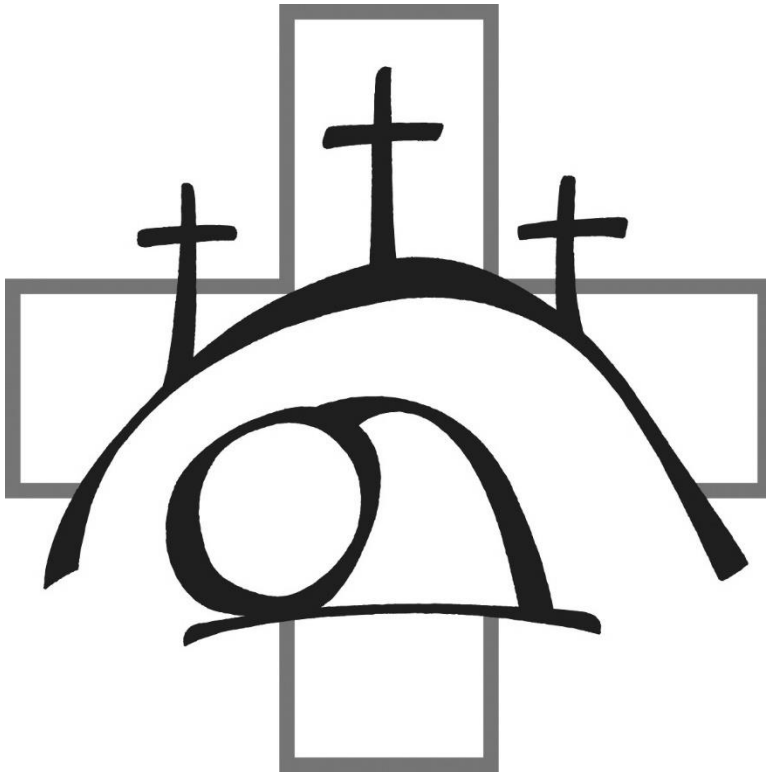


CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

May 15, 2022



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

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

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:

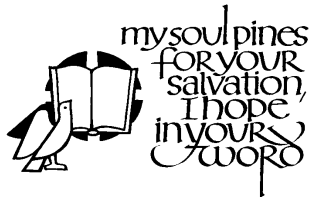
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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 Pens)*

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: The word 'love' is so overused, isn't it? People have the word 'love' pass through their lips ('I love you' or 'you are loved'), but how many really mean it? A way to show you mean what you say is through action. God tells us that He loves us, and He backed it up with action. How can you back up the word 'love' with action? Couldn't our world use more of your legit love, a love which comes from God through you? As we worship today, think of God's love for you both in word and action.

PRELUDE

Glorious in Majesty

Arr. by Valerie A. Floeter

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Congregation: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

M: We worship this day in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Musical Introduction

He's Risen, He's Risen

Christian Worship # 143

**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.**

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**

**But short was their triumph; The Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

**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.**

**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.**

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: who forgives all *our* sins and heals all *our* diseases

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.

**All: 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.**

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. Thanks be to God.

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

Christian Worship Supplement # 753

**Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise the Son, who took our place.
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier, God of free and faithful grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

Christian Worship Supplement # 753

**Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 20:12-17

Love after God's heart and will does not see the need for the spotlight.

Then Jonathan said to David, "I swear by the LORD, the God of Israel, that I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? ¹³ But if my father intends to harm you, may the LORD deal with Jonathan, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away in peace. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. ¹⁴ But show me unfailing kindness like the LORD's kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, ¹⁵ and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth." ¹⁶ So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD call David's enemies to account." ¹⁷ And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

This Is the Threefold Truth

Christian Worship # 406

**This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends;
And with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:
(Refrain) *Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!***

**On this we fix our minds as, kneeling side by side,
We take the bread and wine, take him, the Crucified: (Refrain)**

**This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast,
Changes the world and us and brings us home at last:
*Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!***

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Love is defined for us; it includes words and actions.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, **love is kind**. It does not envy, **it does not boast**, it is not proud. ⁵**It does not dishonor others**, it is not self-seeking, **it is not easily angered**, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, **always trusts**, always hopes, **always perseveres**. ⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Christian Worship # 289

**Preserve your Word and preaching,
The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of your glory,
The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This spring of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see your face.**

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

A way to honor Jesus and be identified with Him is through words and actions of love.

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction

Glorious in Majesty

Christian Worship # 496

**Glorious in majesty, Holy in his praises,
Jesus, our Savior and our King.
Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all adore him;
Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.
(Refrain) *Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom.
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word, rejoicing.***

**Victory he won for us, Freeing us from darkness,
Dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, Yet he is among us;
We are the body, he the head. *Refrain***

**One in love, as family, Living with each other.
Gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is returning,
Taking us back with him to reign. *Refrain***

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on John 13:31-35

“Let People See Your Jesus”

A CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH – THE 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.**

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

M: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions. Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

C: **Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.**

M: Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you,

the only God, and find salvation in you.

C: Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.

M: Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

C: And help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior..

C: 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: 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.

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.**

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.”

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 Lectern 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

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Christian Worship # 313

**Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God’s wrath forever;
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.**

**As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives his body with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.**

**Jesus here himself is sharing; Take heed how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.**

**Useless would be Jesus’ passion If salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose You need not him who died and rose.**

**Christ says, “Come, all you that labor, And receive my grace and favor;
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician’s help or skill.”**

**Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.**

**Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.**

**If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,
Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.**

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.

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

Musical Introduction

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Christian Worship # 490

**Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving—May his will in us be done!**

**Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.**

**Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life's end.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

He's Risen, He's Risen

Kenneth T. Kosche

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

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Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:20 am, in person & online ... “Scripture Behind Handel’s ‘Messiah’”

Sunday School, in person at 9:15 starting in the Church Worship Area ...

Teens, in person, at 9:30 in the Teen Room

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

1st: Why was Jonathan okay with David taking over Israel’s throne? Just because a parent is full of hatred does not mean ... Read Acts 2:42-47.

2nd: Which one of the love phrases strikes a chord with you? You can be the smartest person in the room and yet ... What happens to faith and hope when a believer dies? Read Romans 12.

3rd: How is God the Father glorified by Jesus? To love one another is not really a ‘new’ command from God, yet why does Jesus need to treat it like it is a ‘new’ command? How will you show people ‘your’ Jesus this week? Read 1 John 3.

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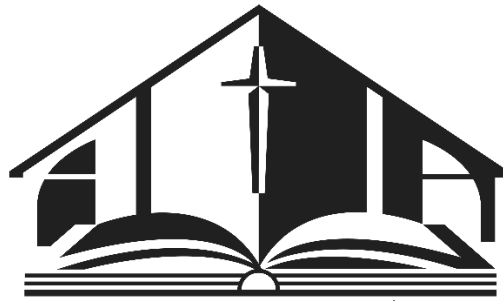
THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	River City Chorale Concert
	5:30 p.m.	Connect 2030s
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (in the Church Lobby)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (in the Luther Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (in the Admin Building Chapel)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Child Discipleship
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Friday	7:00 p.m.	School's Spring Performance (MPC)
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Helen Bishop's Victory Service (Church)
	5:00 p.m.	Sunset Soiree Annual Fundraiser (MPC)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Greg Thiesfeldt	<i>May 15</i>	
Derek Tipton		
Kim Clavin	<i>May 16</i>	
Morgan Loughlean	<i>May 17</i>	
	<i>May 18</i>	Kathy Gaines-Le & Quan Le
Kaitlyn Loughlean	<i>May 21</i>	David & Louann Hahn





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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.

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