

# CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for April 17, 2025



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

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# Maundy Thursday

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## 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:

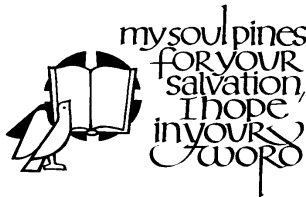
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

**LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Dark Blue (2021) /  
'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)*

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.



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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### *Greeting & Invocation*

**Minister:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

M: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. *(1 John 4)*

**C: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**All: 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: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, hear the word of Christ through his called servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**O LORD, OUR LORD** (no musical introduction) ... Song continues on page 6

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb).

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

## Exodus 24:1-11

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, <sup>2</sup>but Moses alone is to approach the Lord; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

<sup>3</sup>When Moses went and told the people all the Lord’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the Lord has said we will do.” <sup>4</sup>Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.”

<sup>8</sup>Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 14:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup> So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup> Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>15</sup> He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

<sup>16</sup> The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to You, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Musical Introduction*

**'Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night**

*Christian Worship Red # 136*

**'Twas on that dark, that doleful night  
When pow'rs of earth and hell arose  
Against the Son, our God's delight,  
And friends betrayed him to his foes.**

**Before the mournful scene began,  
He took the bread and blessed and broke.  
What love through all his actions ran!  
What wondrous words of grace he spoke!**

**"This is my body, slain for sin;  
Receive and eat the living food."  
Then took the cup and blessed the wine:  
"Tis the new cov'nant in my blood."**

**"Do this," he said, "till time shall end,  
In mem'ry of your dying friend;  
Meet at my table and record  
The love of your departed Lord."**

**Jesus, your feast we celebrate;**

**We show your death; we sing your name  
Till you return and we shall eat  
The marriage supper of the Lamb.**

## **FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on Mark 14:12-17**

**“Life-Changing Words for Us”**

## **A CONFESSION OF FAITH – FROM THE NICENE CREED**

**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. 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 box on the wall as you enter the Sanctuary, mail your thank offering to the church, give online through our website under the “Resources” tab, or give by texting 916.915.9552. The QR Code to the web giving link is at the end of the bulletin.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*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.**

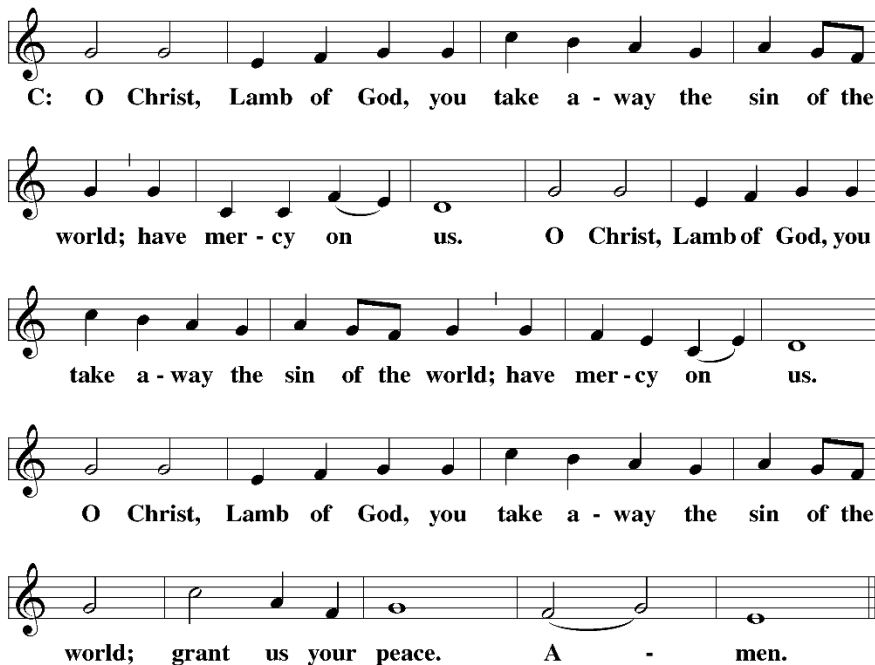
**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.**

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.**

### *Musical Introduction*



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

### *DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT*

*The Ushers will direct Communicants by way of the center aisle, returning by way of the outer aisle. Either pick up a Wafer from the table by the Baptism Font or receive a Wafer in your hand from the Communion Assistant. Note: Tinted cups in the center of the Trays are filled with Grape Juice. Your empty Cup can be placed on the backside of the Rail. **If seated on the east side, approach the Rail from left to right; if on the west (Pulpit) side, right to left.** When at the Rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the Pew, please let an Usher or the Pastor know of this.*

*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.



**There was a cup of holy wrath  
Which made our fearless Savior quake;  
He prayed the cup from Him would pass,  
Yet drank its dregs for sinners' sake.**

***Refrain:***

***Our thirst is quenched by Christ the Lord,  
Who gives His cup and takes our own.  
We taste and see that He is good;  
He satisfies, and He alone!***

**Another cup o'erflows with grace—  
Salvation's bounty, poured by Christ;  
He bids our thirsty, sinful race  
To come, to drink without a price.**

**We drink a cup our Lord ordained  
To point forgetful hearts above;  
With bread it speaks of sinless pain,  
Of saving death, of selfless love.**

**A cup remains, untouched and fair,  
Which none shall drink till Christ appears;  
The King and Bride its joy will share,  
Unmixed with woe, or sin, or tears.**

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**AFTER DISTRIBUTION ... we sing** *(Musical Introduction)*

*Song on page 10...*



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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

## **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

*Christian Worship Red # 326*

**May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love  
With the Holy Spirit's favor  
Rest upon us from above.**

**So may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
Gathered here in blest communion  
By the power of his Word.**

**Now with all the saints in heaven  
Thanks and praise to you we sing,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One, our triune King.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **TODAY AT ST. MARK'S**

### **Serving at Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brad Wright

Musical Accompanist: Jeri Reed

Altar Flowers: Flowers were placed at the altar by Worship Arts Committee (WAC).

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

Today	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service (with children's choirs)
	6:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday	11:30 a.m.	Debbie Ave'-Lallemant Victory Service
Sunday		**Easter Sunday**
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

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