



Living Hope

St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIVING HOPE FROM OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

April 26, 2026

Settle in with Jesus and his family. Welcome home.

Make yourself at home. Find any open spot to sit and settle in. Our worship service is designed to praise God and enrich your faith. We make it easy-to-follow with everything printed for you in this bulletin. Feel free to stay after the service to get to know some of the people you worshiped with today. St. Mark's is a place you can call home, and we look forward to seeing you next time!

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshipping family and our services include a children's message. Parents, you can help your kids follow along today with the Kids' Questions sheet. A quiet room to help a restless child is in the lobby (to the right as you exit the main worship space).

There's no obligation. Visitors, while our members regularly give offerings as an expression of thanks to God, you're not expected to give an offering. You are our guests; it's your choice. We're glad you joined us today!

Restrooms are at the back of the lobby—women's on the right and men's on the left.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with our pastor after the service and visit us online at stmarkslutheran.com.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Blue hymnal 441 sts. 1-3, 7-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1739-1799, abr.
Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, 1710-1793
Text and tune: Public domain

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Amen!

As we come before the Lord, we are coming to our good Shepherd. He knows everything about us. He knows how we wander and struggle. He knows all of our sins. But he doesn't leave us helpless. He finds us when we are lost and carries us home. As we acknowledge our sins, we can together place our trust entirely in Jesus for forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Lord, I confess my sins. Throughout my life, I have so often gone astray and failed to live as your child. My sins are terrible. They deserved your just punishment. Thank you for finding me when I was lost. Thank you for sending Jesus as my Savior. I trust in him, my perfect Savior.

Jesus is your good Shepherd who knows what you need and takes cares of you. He came to take your place and give you eternal life. His perfect life record, his innocent death, and his resurrection to life accomplished everything needed for you to be welcomed home in God's family. By believing in Jesus, you are saved, and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

Amen!

8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

God's Word

John 10:1-10

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a

stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Children's Message

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Blue hymnal 804

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the

heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - 'ry
 in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he
 by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me

day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–1782; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784
 Text and tune: Public domain

Message from God's Word

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

To This You Were Called

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Blue hymnal 552 sts. 1-2, 4, 6



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
6 And so through all the length of days your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my
good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.
sing your praise with - in your house for - ev - er!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt.

Tune: Irish, 18th cent.

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Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

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.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Amen!

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Blue hymnal 930 sts. 1-3



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.

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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregation & School Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Basketball Open Gym
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion & Confirmation

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Bob Jones	<i>Apr 28</i>	
Cal Noecker		
Dave Skultety	<i>Apr 29</i>	
Alicia Castagnola	<i>May 1</i>	



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