

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Resurrection of our Lord*  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## Gathering

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

Handel

### Acclamation

*The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):*

Christ is Risen!

**He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Those present may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.*

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister proclaims:*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of the promise of eternal life and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.

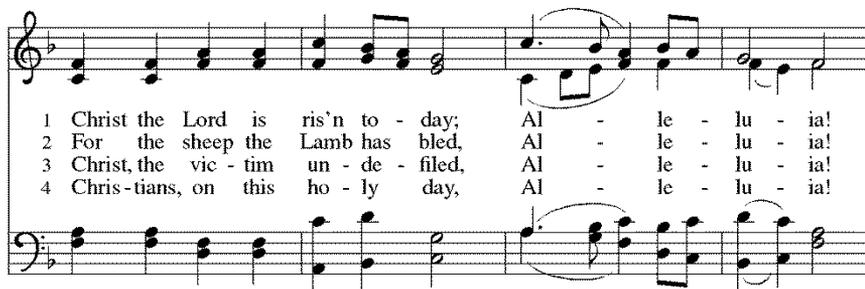
Renew us in your promise of new life so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

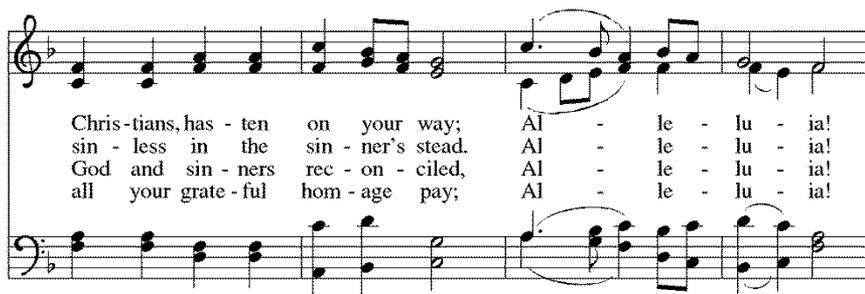
## Opening Hymn

*ELW 369*

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

## Greeting

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

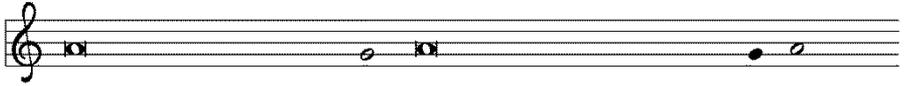
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

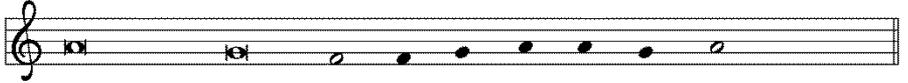
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



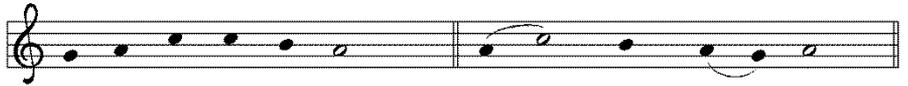
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

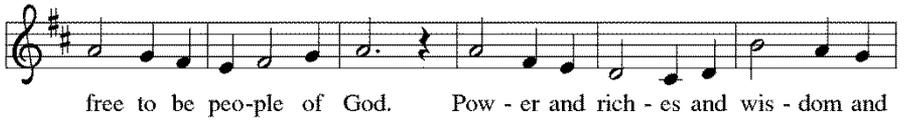


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

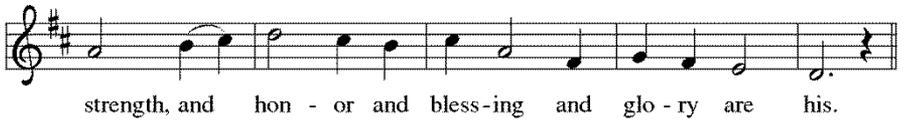
All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

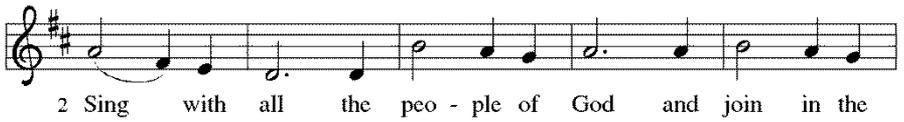


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

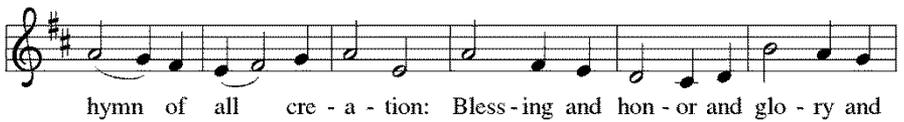
*Refrain*



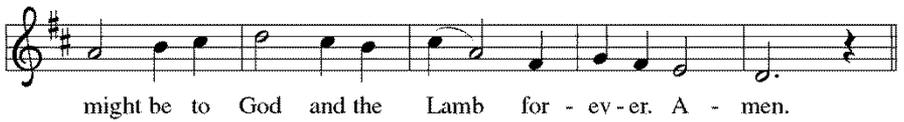
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

*The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Word

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

The First Reading is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts:

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows not partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who is God-fearing and does what is right is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were

chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>“Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

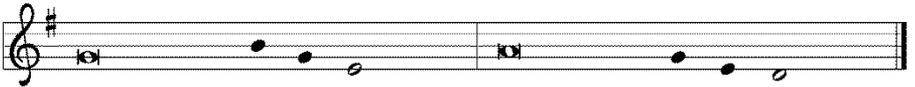
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmsody**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.



- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare,**  
“**God’s mercy en- | dures forever.**”
- <sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the**  
**righteous:**  
“**The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**  
<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord| is exalted!  
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”
- <sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,**  
**and declare the works | of the Lord. R**
- <sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- <sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**
- <sup>20</sup>“This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- <sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**

**and you have become | my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. **R**

## **Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

The Second Reading is from 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Corinthians:

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in the proper order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when Christ hands over the dominion to God, the Father, after destroying every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel:

Luke 24:1-12

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son-of-Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Children's Sermon

*We invite our children forward for a lesson before either returning to their seats or heading off to the nursery.*

### Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### Hymn of the Day

ELW 382

## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## **Apostles Creed**

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:*

God of Mercy, **Hold us in love.**

*The prayers are concluded:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## Meal

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Announcements

*Announcements are made on behalf of the community*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play. If you give electronically we invite you to take one of the green slips and place it in the offering plate as a way to include your electronic gifts in the offering time.*

## Offertory

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Bell Choir

*Musical selections are offered to the glory of God.*



*At the conclusion of the Offertory music, the gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward, the congregation sings "Let the Vineyards be fruitful"*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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## Offering Prayer

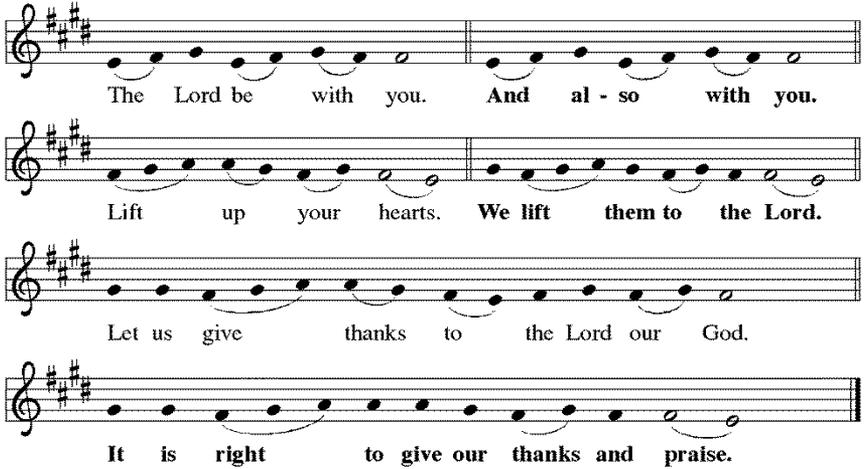
Risen One,  
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,  
meet us now in this meal.  
Nourish us to follow you,  
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,  
and all for your love's sake.

**Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 152

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

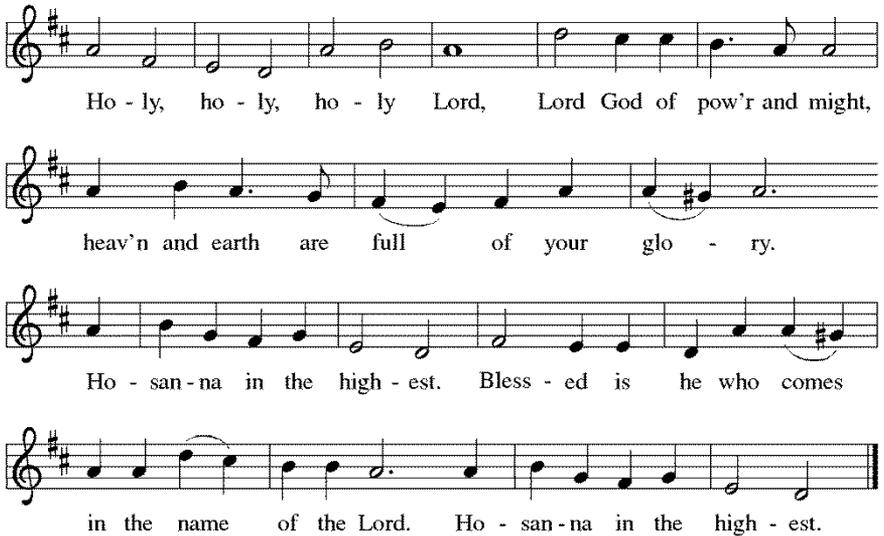
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy.... join their unending hymn:

# Sanctus

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,  
and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.  
That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming,  
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
     as we forgive those  
     who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
     and the power, and the glory,  
     forever and ever. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

*Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.*

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

*The bread may be broken for the communion*

## Agnus Dei *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution of Communion

*Today we will receive communion by stations. At the direction of the usher you are invited forward to receive communion.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

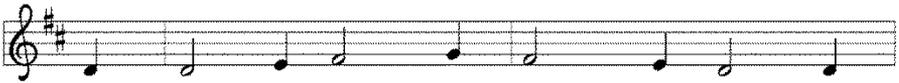
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond -- Amen.*

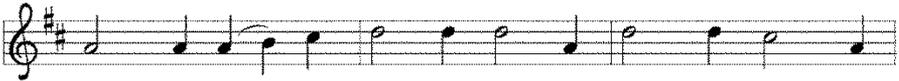
## Communion Hymns

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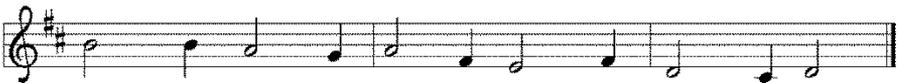
### That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



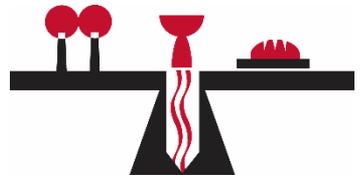
sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



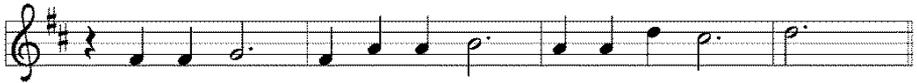
eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

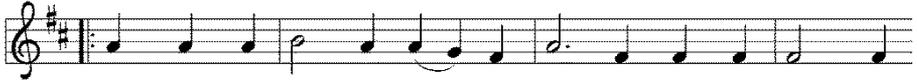
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621



## The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## Post Communion Blessing

*When all have communed, the Assembly stands.*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# Sending

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*God blesses us and send us in mission to the world*

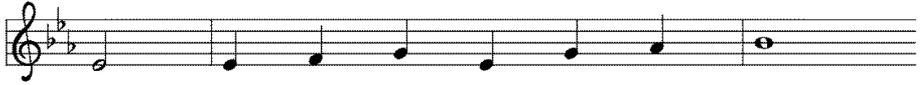
## Blessing

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage.

**Amen.**



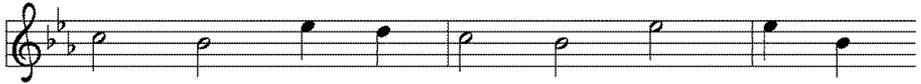
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
 Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

setting by Mark Sedio,  
arr. Emily Ballentine Erb

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# Leading us in Worship

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**Presiding Minister**  
**Dir. Music**

The Rev. Bryan Penman  
Emily Ballentine Erb

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kathy Pokalo	Katie Colaneri
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Joanne Copestick/ LJ Kriebel	Nate Ramsden
<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Turner	George Pokalo
<b>Nursery</b>	Liz MacNeal	Liz MacNeal
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gavin Kriebel	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pam Keebler	Jen Ramsden
<b>Ushers</b>	Donna Kobi George Pokalo	Dolores Lush Terry Spence
<b>Counters</b>	LJ Kriebel Susan Jacovino	Joanne Copestick Stef Conklin
<b>Offering Recorder</b>	Pam Keebler	Jen Schreiter
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	No Fellowship Hours	The Hoffmans
<b>Faith Formation</b>	No Faith Formation	Kim Kriebel Susan Inderbitzen

**Altar Flowers this morning given by the Portzer family celebrating the joy of the risen Christ.**

**Special thanks to  
Scott Anderson  
for sharing his music gifts  
on the trumpet**

## **Worship Ministry:**

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### **Help us purchase more hymnals for the sanctuary**

We need some more hymnals to fill the pew racks, and we're inviting members of the congregation to purchase a hymnal to place for use in worship. You're invited to include your dedication (for example, in memory of a loved one, to the Glory of God, for blessings received)--a book plate will be set in the hymnal identifying the giver and dedication. The cost is \$25 per book. Place your check or cash in one of the white pew envelopes and label it HYMNAL. On the back of the envelope, write your name and what you'd like to have included in the dedication.

## **Faith Formation Ministry:**

*Ways you can deep your faith life*

### **Vacation Bible School**

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School. Kick off Sunday on July 7<sup>th</sup> during and directly after worship on that day, continuing Mon., July 8- Thurs., July 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This year's theme is, "Who is My Neighbor?" exploring how we can care for our neighbors near and far.

## **Service Ministry:**

*Ways you can do God's work with your hands*

### **Sharing God's Love with Blessing Bags**

"Blessing Bags" are bags filled with energy & granola bars and other items that can be used right away. The bags can be placed in your car, tote or briefcase to distribute to those experiencing homelessness.

### **Capital Appeal : Pipe Organ Repairs**

We continue to raise funds for our current Capital Appeal to renovate and refurbish our Pipe Organ.

This spring we enter the critical period of this appeal as we will soon begin payments for the work to be completed over the summer. We are roughly halfway to our goal of raising \$53,000 for this work, but we need your help to get us the rest of the way there! We invite you to consider making a gift donation to help us with these much needed repairs to our organ.

Over the summer the organ will be completely disassembled and the pipe chamber completely rebuilt. The results will be a refurbished pipe organ that will be brought back to its full potential. Currently, there are a significant number of pipes and ranks that are no longer working due to age of the mechanicals that operate the various pipes.

## **Upcoming Fundraisers Supporting the Capital Appeal**

Mark your calendars now! Join us for fun, fellowship and fundraising!

### **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for a Trivia Event**

\$45 ticket or table of 10 for \$400

Doors open at 6:30pm with trivia to begin at 7:30pm

Dinner provided by Cantina Feliz, BYOB, Margarita Machine available

### **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Hand Bag Bingo event**

Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, and Tory Burch

\$30 a ticket for 15 games

BYOB permitted, Food Permitted and Snacks for purchase

Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes, 50/50

Bring a food donation for CNC and get 3 free raffle tickets

\*\*Raffle Basket items are needed for both events and sign ups for that are in the back of the sanctuary

## **Evangelism and Fellowship Ministry:**

*Ways you can share your faith with others*

### **Easter Sunday Dinner Invitation**

You are cordially invited to Easter dinner this afternoon with the Conklin and Landes Families from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Auditorium downstairs. Your company and a love for the Lord is all you need to bring!

### **Easter Egg Industry Banquet - Friday, April 26th at 6:00 pm**

All the volunteers are invited to celebrate another successful year of our Easter Egg Industry. The main dish, desserts and beverages will be provided. Folks are asked to bring a side dish to share. There's an RSVP and Sign Up sheet downstairs in the Easter Egg Room.

## This Week at St. Mark's

<b>Monday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8:00pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>6pm : Dinner Church</i> <i>7pm: Choir Practice</i> <i>7:45pm Bell Choir</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<b>Friday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>6pm: Easter Egg Industry</i> <i>Banquet Dinner</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i> <i>8:30 .AA Group</i>
<b>Saturday</b>		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30 Faith Formation and</i> <i>Fellowship Hour</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>

# Welcome to St. Mark's, We're so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. *This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.* We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

**Children are always welcome** to participate in worship. To help our youngest worshippers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

**Restrooms** are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

**Cell phones** and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the "Good News" you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshippers.

**Our team of ushers** is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

**Are you new or visiting St. Mark's?** If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us: Visitor books at the entrance to the sanctuary or Yellow Visitor Cards in the pew backs which can be dropped in the offering plate We would be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again.