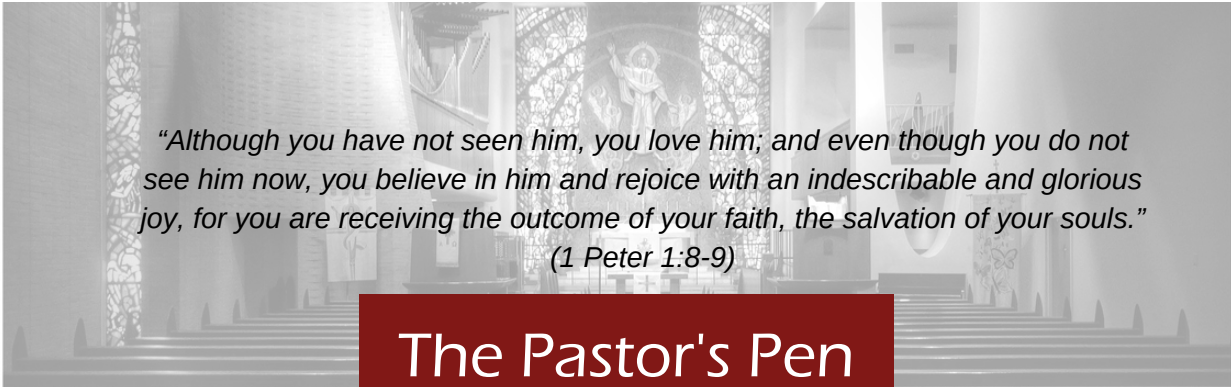


ReMarks

April 2023

St. Mark's Lutheran Church



*"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."
(1 Peter 1:8-9)*

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Jesus we celebrate at Easter may be unseen but he is not unknown. When Peter writes, "Although you have not seen him, you love him," he is saying we know and see Christ through the eye of faith. Peter is making a contrast between himself and us, his readers. Peter knew Jesus in the flesh. He followed him, denied him, and was forgiven by him. Yet, Peter also saw the church gathered and empowered by Christ raised and alive. Peter must have been overjoyed to realize that people who never knew Jesus in the flesh, nevertheless knew and loved him through the grace of faith.

It must have astounded Peter and the disciples to see the power of the risen Christ alive in people who could not possibly have known Jesus except through faith. Peter is describing life in the power of the resurrection - the power of Easter. As Jesus said to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe," we are blessed because we are receiving the outcome of our faith. Faith is another way of knowing.

Easter is not simply a remembrance of the past, a remembering of something that happened long ago. Jesus is not a memory; he is alive. Christ Jesus is someone we come to know through faith. This also means Easter is also not simply a single day, but a living reality that can be experienced every day.

Christianity would have disappeared long ago if it depended only upon the memorial testimony and eulogies of Jesus' disciples. The gospels are not eulogies about a wise but dead prophet. The gospels proclaim Jesus raised, alive and accessible through faith. Faith is the evidence of things unseen. Faith is "the salvation of our souls."

Yet we cannot say we love God while hating or ignoring the needs of a sister or brother whom have seen. Jesus raised stands before us alive in our neighbor. If faith is another way of knowing, faith allows us to see the reality of Christ suffering in our neighbor.

As you celebrate the sacred journey from Good Friday to Easter, remember that Jesus calls you to walk with him, serve alongside of him and rely upon him. He died so that you might live, believe, and see him in this world.

In the fellowship of Christ, Pastor Tim McKenzie

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May 2023 ReMarks deadline is 4/17/22

Email articles/pictures to stmarkselca1001@gmail.com



March Council Highlights

On 3/13/2023, the congregational council held their monthly meeting in the choir room.

Council approved a motion to allow the AA group who currently uses room 210 for their Wednesday evening meetings to use the Fellowship Hall moving forward. AA is aware that there are times when using the Fellowship Hall may not be possible due to mid-week activities at the church.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to a conversation with The Rev. CeCee Mills, Assistant to the Bishop – Call Process; Shared Ministry, from the NC Synod. The purpose of the conversation was to ask questions and get a better understanding of the official call process for an ordained minister to fill the open Family Minister position. Pastor CeCee provided a summary of the end-to-end process to call an ordained minister and some key contacts within the NC Synod. Pastor CeCee encouraged Council to go at the pace of God during this calling period.

Peace,
A.J. Pridgen
Council Secretary

Greetings Church Family!

Please save the date of April 30th for a visit by Pastor Cecee Mills, Assistant to the Bishop.

NOTE: There will be one service at 10 am. Pastor Mills is visiting us regarding calling a Rostered Minister (deacon or associate pastor) to Saint Mark's. Pastor Mills will preach, followed by a potluck lunch and "town hall" style session facilitated by her in the Fellowship Hall. Please continue to keep St. Mark's present and future in your daily prayers giving thanks for what God has done and is doing through our beloved Church.

Blessings, your Church Council

Visible Partnership

The Visible Partnership Committee of Pastor Tim, Gretchen Payne, Rob Johnson, Genna Hurley, Melissa Smith and Cliff Edahl continues to meet and receive new introductions from groups interested in using St. Mark's facilities.

We have a new organization, The Piedmont Fiber Guild using the Fellowship Hall twice a month. Theater Charlotte continues to rent rehearsal space from us, and we have had numerous inquiries from groups wanting to learn more about what facilities might be available for rent. What is most encouraging is that most of these organizations have heard about St. Mark's from members of our congregation. Thank you for putting the word out!

Progress continues on design, finishes and pricing of the sorely needed Fellowship Hall renovation. We hope to have some concrete proposals within next 90 days to present to the congregation. We have two very generous restricted gifts for this renovation and look forward to bringing the Fellowship Hall up to modern standards.

Thank you for your leads and introductions and the committee looks forward to more organizations looking at our facilities.

Around St. Mark's

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:16)

Baptism of Alexander Wartner March 12



It was with joy that we welcomed Alexander Wartner into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Pictured with him are his parents, Nick and Elsa Wartner. We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share!



Blue Skies and Cherry Blossoms in Lent



Though Lent is a meditative season remembering Christ's cross, the church was also surrounded by signs of resurrection and rebirth in blossoming cherry trees. We give thanks to God for changing seasons and new life!



Congregational Life

Kay Sehorn Committee Chairperson

Celebrate with us Easter Sunday, April 9!

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship



Easter Egg Hunt

9:45 A.M. ON THE FRONT LAWN

SaintMarksCharlotte.org (704)-375-9185



9:30 - 10:15 A.M. IN THE GATHERING PLACE

Coffee & Goodies



Ethnic Restaurant Group

On April 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM St. Mark's Ethnic Restaurant Group will dine at Miro Spanish Grill in the Torrington Market (next to Earth Fare; 12239 N Community House Rd #102, Charlotte, NC 28277).

Miro features Spanish tapas & full entrees served in a modern, upscale-casual setting. The salads, croquettes, paellas, zarzuelas, steaks, chops, and sea bass are fabulous. The tres leches makes a lovely crown for a memorable meal.

All are welcome to join the fun at Miro! There is no language-barrier at this restaurant – the only problem is deciding which treat(s) to indulge in. Hint: tag-team a meal and share; that's where the tapas are really useful!

All people are welcome. Please RSVP to Tom & Judy Tolbert (803-230-7073 or tomtolbert@comporium.net) by the Sunday afternoon before the dinner. We look forward to greeting you at Miro!



St. Mark's Men's Group

The Men's Group April meeting is being moved to **Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 am** due to the already busy Easter weekend schedule. We have a full agenda planned for the meeting and look forward to getting together.

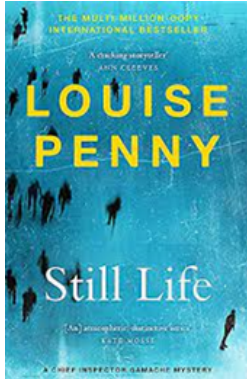
Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Prepare dinner and deliver dinner for Hospitality House on **Thursday, April 20th**.

Pictured: Adopt-a-Street Clean-up Saturday, March 11

Congregational Life

Kay Sehorn Committee Chairperson

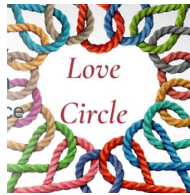


St. Mark's Book Study Group

The St. Mark's Book Study Group will meet on Thursday, April 27, at 10 am—both in person and via Zoom. All are invited to participate. Please contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert for more information.

Our study this month is "Still Life" by Louise Penny. This book introduces not only an engaging series hero in Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces with integrity and quiet courage, but also a very talented, award-winning author of traditional mysteries in the person of Louise Penny. Thus far, she has written eighteen Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels. She lives in a small village south of Montréal.

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter.



Drop in to our Love Circle meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 11:00 in the Large Conference Room. Our members will be glad to welcome you.

Gifts & Memorials

Jay Jacob Committee Chairperson

In Memory of Carol Marion

Mrs. Betty Lentz - Gifts & Memorials
Steve & Jane McCall - World Hunger

In Memory of Betty Lentz

Sarah Ingle - Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Jane Lawing Waggoner

David & Linda Wyatt - Youth Ministry Fund

In Honor of Dan Weckerle

Mantissa Corp - Youth Ministry Fund

In Memory of Marie Anne Daniels

Barbara Baker - Gifts & Memorials
Millie Cansler - Soup Kitchen
Gene Daniels - Pastor's Discretionary
Mrs. Betty Lentz - Gifts & Memorials
Steve & Jane McCall - Soup Kitchen
Reneau & Laura Van Landingham - Soup Kitchen
Dale & Mary Hopp - Lenten Box
Sarah Ingle - Gifts & Memorials
Ms. Rachel Whittington - Gifts & Memorials
Anne Bullock - Gifts & Memorials
Dan & Nancy McLemore - Gifts & Memorials
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Frye - Gifts & Memorials
Larry Dagenhart Sr. - Gifts & Memorials
Rebecca & Emmett Daniels - Gifts & Memorials

Family Ministry



**Tuesday,
April 18 at 7pm -**
Open Tap Beer and Wine Bar
5010 Carmel Center Drive
(near Carmel and 51)



March 9 Theology on Tap group at Resident Culture



Easter Egg Hunt!

An Easter egg hunt will be held at 9:45 am on Easter Sunday for those preschoolers 5 years old and younger. Bring your basket to collect eggs in! The hunt will be outside the nursery in the enclosed area (weather permitting) or in the youth room. Any youth that want to help hide eggs please be at church at 9:30 am on Easter Sunday.

PLEASE DONATE FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKS

WE ARE SENDING OUR 22 COLLEGE STUDENTS CARE PACKAGES FOR FINALS WEEK. HERE ARE SOME TREATS AND SWEETS THAT THEY LOVE AND HELP POWER THEM THROUGH EXAMS:

SUGAR FREE GUM
SINGLE SERVE BAGS OF
CHEEZ-ITS, CHEX MIX, OR
POPCORN
CANDY!
CHOCOLATE
SKITTLES
MOTTS FRUIT SNACKS
POPTARTS



NUTRIGRAIN CEREAL BARS
SLIM JIMS
PRINGLES
GOLDFISH
CHEESE OR PB RITZ CRACKERS
LANCE CHEESE CRACKERS
COOKIES, OREOS, OR CHIPS AHOY
CARDS SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS
& SUPPORT

WE WILL GLADLY TAKE YOUR LEFTOVER EASTER CANDY!

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS BEFORE APRIL 16

THANK YOU FOR LOVING AND SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Lenten Offerings 2023

PEACE LILY ORDERS SUNBURST WREATH DONATIONS

Alternate Gifts and Lenten Boxes: Refugee Support Services

Please complete a form available in the Gathering Place and return it with your payment to the church office or via email/online payment no later than April 2, 2023. Donations for the Wreath and for Alternate Gifts accepted through Easter.



Lenten Suppers



We give thanks for the many hands and hearts that prepared meals every Wednesday during Lent. The Congregational Life (pictured), Worship & Music, Social Ministry, Christian Education, and Family Ministry committees provided a wide variety of delicious soups, salads and casseroles helping reawaken in us the joy of table fellowship in the church. Attendance was very good. Thank you!



Social Ministry



We have been offered an opportunity to help LIFESPAN celebrate its 50th anniversary, which began right here in St. Mark's basement. They offer education, employment, and enrichment opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities. It was established in 1973, serving 5 children who were excluded from a Charlotte public school due to their significant developmental disabilities. At that time it was called St. Mark's Center and remained here, continually serving more individuals and adding new programs until in 1980 when they needed more space and moved to a different location. In 2000, the name was changed to LIFESPAN to better reflect the support and opportunities offered throughout an individual's lifespan.

We can help them celebrate their 50 years of service by participating in their health and wellness drive.

The items they are requesting are: full sized men's and ladies deodorant, bath soap bars, pump hand soap, Lysol wipes, sanitary pads, sunscreen, hand sanitizer pump bottles, jars of vaseline, toenail clippers, facial tissue packets, chapstick, mouthwash, and disposable masks. (no travel sizes or hotel freebies please)

There are collection baskets in the gathering place for your donations. They will remain there until April 27 when picked up by LIFESPAN. Let's be a part of their outreach for these special individuals.



After a Covid hiatus of two years, we successfully returned to our RITI outreach. During every Tuesday in February, we hosted a total of 36 homeless men, providing them with a hot dinner, shower & laundry facilities, a warm place to sleep, breakfast in the morning and a sack lunch to take with them. This was accomplished by many caring St. Mark's volunteers which are gratefully listed.

NIGHT SITTERS: Susan League, Nick Wartner, Marty Schwartz, Pastor Tim McKenzie, Mike Doyne, John Ananich, Lowell Engelhard, Dave Dunlap

DINNER: Kim Zimmerman, Micalyne Zimmerman, Marcia Kromah, Clayton & Gretchen Payne, Jim & Catherine Metze, Jane & Steve McCall, Dianne Thomas, John & Linda Ananich, Steve Rach, Eddie Goodall, Eileen Dunlap, and St. Mark's Men's Group

BREAKFAST: Marc & Susan Ginns, Mark & Diane Thornton, Karen Feezor and Grace Circle

LUNCHESES: Micalyne Zimmerman, Flora Chance, Susan Lakeman, Jackie Harms, Lawanna Stoekel, Genna Hurley, and Grace Circle

SET UP & CLEAN UP: Clayton Payne

VAN DRIVERS: Rob Johnson, Dave Dunlap, Alan Harms, Ken Williams

VAN RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS: Susan Ginns

VAN RETURN: Sean Fielding, Steve McCall, Clayton Payne, John Graham, Sue Wadgymar (office administrator) and the Social Ministry Committee members who played a role in getting everything organized ahead of time: Diane & Mark Thornton, Linda Carter, Eileen Dunlap, and especially the coordinators, Gretchen Payne and Susan Ginns.

The committee is very grateful to ALL volunteers. Hopefully your service was a heartwarming experience and the committee can look forward to working with you all next year!

Vespers at St. Mark's



Kathryn Summersett, soprano



"Joyful Hearts" Recital March 22

Led by faculty of Central Piedmont Community College, the "Joyful Hearts" Baroque Recital was a marvelous program of works by J. S. Bach and Antonio Vivaldi. We are grateful for these fine musicians and all who attended.

Pictured: Janelle Davis, Sung Lee, David Wilson, Kristin Olson, Martie Perry, Sara Wines, Kathryn Summersett, Barbara Krumdieck, and Barbara Weiss.

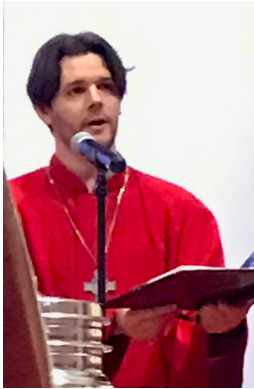


Join us for QRC in Concert
Sunday, April 30 at 5 PM
"Reconciliation: Tune My
Heart To Ring"

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

March Worship Highlights



Matt Blaker, cantor, Second Sunday in Lent



Delenn Rumbolo, cantor, Second Sunday in Lent



Michael Lakeman, crucifer, Second Sunday in Lent



Micah Hein, Amy Woodall, cantors and 8:30 am song leaders, Fifth Sunday in Lent



John Brumbaugh, cellist, Second Sunday in Lent



Andrea Long, flutist, Fourth Sunday in Lent



Matt Blaker, Cantor, and Les Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist



Christian Souza, Delenn Rumbolo, 8:30 am song-leaders, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

We Sing the Faith

Historical and Spiritual Insight Into the Hymns We Sing

Reflections by Lester Ackerman

"God Loved the World" ELW 323

This anonymous German hymn text, based primarily on John 3:16, is perfectly paired with the English psalm tune ROCKINGHAM OLD. This hymn text first appeared in a large collection of hymns (1,313 total) published in 1778. August Crull (1854-1923) made the first English translation, published in the Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book (Baltimore, 1889). August Crull was born in Germany, but spent most of his life in the United States. He began his studies at Concordia College, and was a graduate of Concordia Seminary. Edward Miller (1731-1807) included the tune ROCKINGHAM OLD in his collection Psalms of David for the Use of Parish Churches (London, 1790). In addition to being a publisher, organist, and writer, he was an accomplished flutist, and apparently played flute for the great George Frideric Handel.

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" ELW 611

This hymn comes to us from the Scottish writer, pastor and editor Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). He wrote about six hundred hymns, and this one was published in 1846 with the title "The Voice from Galilee." The hymn centers on three of the sayings of Jesus found in John 1:16, Matthew 11:28, John 4:14, and John 8:12. The first half of each stanza gives Jesus' invitation, and the second half gives our response. Evangelical Lutheran Worship pairs this hymn with two contrasting tunes, ELW 332, a tune by sixteenth century composer Thomas Tallis (1505-1585), and the one we sing today, ELW 611 to the English folk tune KINGSFOLD, named for the town in Surrey, England.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW 807

This hymn was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790) when he was only twenty-three years of age. Born in Norfolk, England, he was sent to London at the age of fourteen to learn the barbering trade. It was there he heard the great Methodist preacher and evangelist George Whitefield. Robinson said he and his friends went to hear Whitefield for the purpose of "scoffing at the poor deluded Methodists." It was from this experience he decided to enter the ministry, first as a Methodist, then as a Baptist. Austin Lovelace writes of Robinson: in his Hymn Notes (Chicago, 1987) "Like the more famous John Newton's hymn 'Amazing Grace', Robinson's hymn is one of providence and grace. Like Jacob, who raised an Ebenezer (a stone altar which signified that God had brought him thus far), he confesses how great a debtor he is to the grace of God, as are we all". The American tune NETTLETON had its first publication in Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music (1813, Harrisburg, PA). The tune is named for Rev. Asahel Nettleton, a noted American evangelist of the early eighteenth century.

"Be Thou My Vision" ELW 793

This anonymous Irish hymn dates to the eighth century. It was translated in 1905 by Mary E Byrne (1880-1931) and then versed by Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935) published in Poem-Book of the Gael (London, 1912). This text is a personal prayer for the vision of God throughout life, as we acknowledge God to be "my light...my treasure...my power...Ruler of all." This hymn was first joined to the Irish folk tune SLANE in the Irish Church Hymnal (Dublin, 1919), named for the hill where Saint Patrick is supposed to have defied the king by lighting the new fire at the Easter Vigil.

"What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW 666

This anonymous folk hymn is from nineteenth-century America and is paired with the Southern Harmony (1835) tune WONDROUS LOVE. Each stanza presents a single thought, which is underscored by repetition. God's love is so great that he would give up his crown for a sinner's soul.

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

We Sing the Faith

Historical and Spiritual Insight Into the Hymns We Sing

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"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Even though this hymn is not contained in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship, it is available in companion denominational resources. Both the text and tune HYMN OF PROMISE were written in 1985 by American composer Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992). She compares the mystery of new life in nature to the mystery of our death and resurrection. She writes: "one evening we entertained a friend, where he shared a work of T.S. Eliot in which there was a phrase something like 'In our end is our beginning'. That was the catalyst for the form of the text, which I wrote in the next day or two. I worked on the words very carefully, choosing just the right pairings, attempting to get across the idea of something inherent in something else even though unseen, and I even bought a tulip plant to contemplate the idea of the bulb leading to the flower even though the bulb itself seems dead."

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW 335

This gospel hymn by American hymn writer Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915) was first published in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School (New York, 1869). Even though she was blind by the time she was six weeks old, her lack of sight seemed to help her focus more fully on the spiritual aspects of life. This hymn gives us great insight into the power of the cross, especially from someone who was sightless: "Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me." Fanny pictures in her mind's eye the vision of Christ dying on the cross. The symbol of light is found in stanza two, with stanza four concluding with the commitment to watch and wait, hope and trust, forever. William H. Doane (1832-1915) wrote the tune NEAR THE CROSS and was a frequent collaborator with Fanny in providing tunes for her texts.

Upcoming Events at St. Mark's

Holy Week

April 2, Palm Sunday

8:30/10:30 am, Blessing of the Palms

10:30: St. Mark's Choir, Cantors, St. Mark's Handbells and Organ

April 6, Maundy Thursday

7 pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

St. Mark's Choir, Cantors, John Brumbaugh, Cello and Organ

April 7, Good Friday

7 pm Service of the Word & Procession of the Cross



Easter & Spring Events

April 9, Easter Sunday

8:30 am Cantors, and Piano

10:30 am St. Mark's Choir, Cantors, Brass Quintet, Timpani & Organ

9:30-10:15 am Coffee & Goodies in the Gathering Place

9:45-10 am Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn

April 30, 4th Easter Sunday

10:00 am Service only, followed by potluck lunch and "town hall" meeting

5 pm Spring Handbell Concert - Queen City Ringers



We Sing the Faith

Hymn Suggestions: Passion/Palm Sunday, Resurrection of Our Lord, Second, Third & Fourth Sunday of Easter 2023

April 2, 2023 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Hymns: ELW 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
ELW 335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross NEAR THE CROSS
ELW 188 Create in Me a Clean Heart (Offertory) Freylinghausen
ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane GETHSEMANE

April 9, 2023 Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Hymns: ELW 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN
ELW 376 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! MFURAHINI, HALELUYA
ELW 376 Thine is the Glory ELW 376 (stanza one) (Offertory) JUDAS MACCABAEUS
ELW 369 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369 LLANFAIR

April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around the word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Hymns: ELW 376 Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABAEUS
ELW 635 We Walk by Faith SHANTI
ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (stanza one) (Offertory) HYFRYDOL
ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was BrightPUER NOBIS

April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and they open their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Hymns: ELW 368 With High Delight Let Us Unite MIT FREUDEN ZART
ELW 374 Day of Arising SHANTI
ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (stanza one) (Offertory) HYFRYDOL
ELW 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!EARTH AND ALL STARS

April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

Hymns: ELW 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives! DUKE STREET
ELW 789 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead UsBRADBURY
ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (stanza one) (Offertory) HYFRYDOL
ELW 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!GELOBT SEI GOTT

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

Crucifer/Acolyte

4/2 C/A: Michael Lakeman
4/9 C/A: Michael Lakeman
Bible: Jonathan Lakeman
4/16 C/A: Brady Ferner
4/23 C: Michael Lakeman
A: Needed
4/30 C/A: Needed

Sound System

4/2 John Brumbaugh
4/6 Kevin Feezor
4/7 Neil Dixon
4/9 Kevin Feezor
4/16 Alan Harms
4/23 Neil Dixon
4/30 John Brumbaugh

Tabulators

4/2 Doug Milheim
Dianne Thomas
4/9 Joe Barrett
Janice Miller
4/16 Kevin Feezor
Doug Milheim
4/23 Kevin Feezor
Charles Lakeman
4/30 Susan League
Doug Milheim

Ushers

Team C: Ken Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr.,
Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley

April Serving Schedule

Prayer Assistants

4/2 Larry Dagenhart, Jr.
4/9 Mike Doyne
4/16 Brady Ferner
4/23 Melissa Smith
4/30 Lisa Barnette

Lectors

4/2 Flora Chance
4/9 Lowell Engelhard
4/16 Karen Feezor
4/23 Meg Fielding
4/30 Kay Finlon

Communion Helpers

4/2 Kay Finlon
4/9 Karen Covington
4/16 Sandy Rach
4/23 Catherine Metze
4/30 Kay Finlon

Video Streaming

4/2 Ron Wenzel
4/6 A.J. Pridgen
4/7 TBD
4/9 Joe Barrett
4/16 A.J. Pridgen
3/19 Joe Barrett
4/23 TBD
4/30 Ron Wenzel

Greeters

4/2 Eddie & Carol Goodall
Patrick & Rebecca Huang
4/9 Dale & Mary Lou Hopp
Jay Jacob
4/16 Millie Cansler
Eileen Dunlap
4/23 Neil & Charlotte Dixon
Charles & Susan Lakeman
4/30 Joanne Marz
Michael & Tara Thompson

Communion Assistants

4/2 A.J. Pridgen, Ken Hazen
Jay Jacob, Rebecca Huang
Nick Wartner
4/9 Rebecca Huang, Ruth Barrett
Cliff Edahl, Gretchen Payne
A. J. Pridgen
4/16 Carol Goodall, Charles Lakeman
Chris & Brooks Stevenson
Lawanna Stoeckel
4/23 Kevin & Karen Feezor
Janice Miller, Lisa Barnette
Susan Lakeman
4/30 Cliff Edahl, Rebecca Huang
Jay Jacob, A.J. Pridgen
Nick Wartner

Nursery Attendants

April 2 Susan Ginns & Elsa Wartner
April 9 None
April 16 Shelley & Kendal Ferner
April 23 Charlotte Dixon & Susan Ginns
April 30 Betsy Wenzel & Dawn Schwartz

April Birthdays

4/4 Linda Wyatt
4/6 William Jacob
4/8 Chris Parrish
4/8 Lou Feola
4/10 Alan Harms
4/11 Clayton Wall
4/12 Drew Goodson
4/12 Ken Hazen
4/14 John Brumbaugh
4/15 Nancy Deal
4/16 Drew Basinger

4/16 Betty Kendrick
4/16 Meg Johnson
4/16 Jennifer Dagenhart
4/16 Sandy Rach
4/18 Cathy Goodson
4/18 Emma Connolly
4/19 David Goodson
4/20 Ann Connor
4/21 Mary Timm
4/22 Claire Goodall

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