



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known

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APRIL 16, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Jesus Christ comes to us amid our doubts and questions, so that we might experience life today in his resurrection. As the early Christians proclaimed Christ's resurrection, we also proclaim him raised and alive in the world, as we rejoice in the peace and hope we receive through him.

GATHERING

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

“Le Rejouissance” (The Rejoicing) from *Royal Fireworks Music*

Con brio-Moderato-Con moto; George Frideric Handel

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

“Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939; Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Please be seated.

Welcome

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism (Confession and Forgiveness)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

Greeting

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

Holy Communion Setting Three

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

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

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

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast of Victory" *Holy Communion Setting Three*

ELW pg. 140-141; Richard Hillert

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*
4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Karen Feezor, lector

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

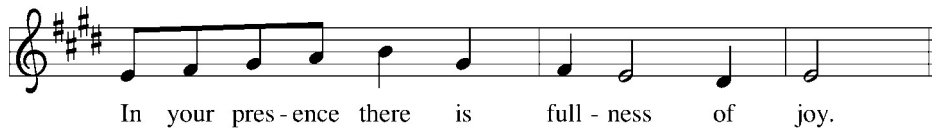
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 16

Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors

Psalm 16:11 (Mark Sedio) Refrain reproduced from Psalter for Worship Year A © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.



¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Karen Feezor, lector

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more

precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although 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, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Gospel Procession

“Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go” from *Holy Communion Setting One*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, and C6. The lyrics "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life." are written below. The number "S 102" is written in the top right corner of the first staff. The instruction "Repeat alleluia" is written below the second staff.

The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“We believe”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

“We Walk by Faith!” ELW 635

SHANTI

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.; Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spook: “My peace be with you here.”
2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
4. For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
5. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as your are, with full and endless sight.

The Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

(Brady Ferner, prayer assistant)

The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy Lord, we pray for all people in need. Bless churches with the risen presence of Christ as they help people get the food, shelter, and clothing they need to properly care for their families, and help us, your church, to continue to spread the word of God. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, as Jesus breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your Spirit of life upon all creation. Nourish the earth with rain, growth and harvest. Strengthen governments and environmental agencies to counter the effects of our pollution and waste so that all people might enjoy the beauty and bounty of your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Lord, we pray for national and global leaders. Help them to continue to work hard and solve difficult problems and to work towards world peace for all nations and people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, as your Son met Thomas in his fear and doubt, come to us with your living peace and grace, rekindling and enlivening our faith in Jesus Christ. Though we do not see you, may we always know you through faith, so that believing, we might become the source of peace and grace for others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Lord, we hope and pray for the sick that they might regain their health. Help doctors and caregivers care for the sick and injured, so that healed, they might continue to live for you and spread your word. Encourage, heal and bless members of our church family: Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, David Kutscher, Vann Milheim, Steve Rach, Oakley Coburn, Stanley Davis, Arlene Fielding, Sergei Kobiakov, Bill Schwartz, Christopher Shirley, Joan Love, Jane Thompson, Jamie Bates, Jimmy Schwartz, John Simon, Dan Price, Roxi Tolbert, Katie Yowell, Shirley Larson, and Ingrid Keiris. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, according to your plan and foreknowledge, you raised Christ Jesus from the dead, opening the way to eternal life. Bless us, so that believing, we might also be raised with him and the whole company of saints into the indescribable and glorious joy of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Peace

(Please stand as able, sharing the peace of the risen Christ.)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Please be seated.

OFFERING

(Offerings for the mission of the church are gathered by the ushers.)

Anthem

“Since by Man Came Death” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
*Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Offertory

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ELW 392 *(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)*
HYFRYDOL

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt; Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

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.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy” from *Holy Communion Setting Three*

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

Words of Institution

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is offered continuously in front of the freestanding altar, or at the rail of the high altar in two ways, by wafer and wine in a small cup or “Communion Kit.” Please follow the ushers’ prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station, and returning via the side aisles. If receiving a “kit” please seal the used utensils in the zip-lock bag, placing the bag after worship in the marked bowl in the Narthex. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

Communion Music “Lamb of God” from *Holy Communion Setting Three*

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.

“Variations on “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright””

Tune PUER NOBIS

Setting for organ by Edward W. Beals

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Kate Suchanek, soprano

*I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
 and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
 For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.*

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING

The God of all,
 who raised † Jesus from the dead,
 bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
 to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright;” ELW 384

PUER NOBIS

1. That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
 when, to their loving eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!
2. O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;
 to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.

3. O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
4. All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Improvisation-Toccata on “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done””

Tune VICTORY by Giovanni Palestrina, Organ setting by Alfred V. Fedak

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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Brady Ferner; crucifer/acolyte: Brady Ferner; lector: Karen Feezor; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Ken Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley; greeters: Millie Cansler, Eileen Dunlap; communion assistants: Carol Goodall, Charles Lakeman, Chris & Brooks Stevenson, Lawanna Stoeckel; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, Doug Milheim; musicians: St. Mark’s Choir; Kate Suchanek, soprano soloist; Christian Souza, Delenn Rumbolo, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Melissa Smith; crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: Needed; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: Needed; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Team C; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Charles & Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Kevin & Karen Feezor, Janice Miller, Lisa Barnette, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, Charles Lakeman

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From the pastor -

"If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

Blessed Eastertide greetings! The joy we experience at Easter is profound because the risen Christ is alive and dwells in every heart opening itself to him. This means we are also raised with Christ to live into his resurrection as a reality today and every day. Paul certainly experienced this, encouraging the church at Colossae to know that we are freed to seek and live for "the things that are above" where Christ is. Yet we also live with the things that are "below" and this is precisely where Christ lived and died so that he might raise us with him to know God's glory in the midst of suffering. Christ raised at Easter frees us, moving us from death to life. May you be freed and lifted every day to seek the things that are above. In doing so, you will be able to lift others with strength you never knew you had.

In the grace and peace of Christ,
Pastor Tim McKenzie
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Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

NOTE: April 30th there will be one service at 10 am.

Pastor CeeCee 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.

College Care Packs Thank you for bringing treats and sweets to send to our college students. They will be sent this week.

The St. Mark's Men's Group Upcoming Service Opportunities: Prepare and deliver dinner for Hospitality House on **Thursday, April 20th**.

Theology on Tap! Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm. We'll meet at Open Tap Beer and Wine Bar, 5010 Carmel Center Drive (near Carmel and 51).

St. Mark's Ethnic Restaurant Group on April 18 at 7PM 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, *croquettas*, *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! **Please RSVP** for seating to Tom and Judy Tolbert (803-230-7073, tomtolbert@comporium.net) by the Sunday afternoon before the dinner. We look forward to greeting you at Miro!

St. Mark's Book 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.

LIFESPAN: Hopefully you have seen the collection baskets and the poster in the gathering place for the Health and Wellness drive sponsored by LIFESPAN. This worthy organization got its start at St. Mark's 50 years ago to provide services and opportunities for young people and adults with developmental disabilities. Donations will be picked up by LIFESPAN on April 27

Queen City Ringers Handbell Concert

"Reconciliation: Tune My Heart To Ring" Sunday, April 30, 5 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us!

The Christian Education Hour is at 9:30 am on Sundays. Please join us as you are able. Explore the life and faith of C. S. Lewis today and next Sunday, 4/23 at 9:30 in the Large Conference room. On Sunday, May 7, we will begin a study of Daniel.

"Hybrid Worship" is both in-person and online worship at the same time. The Holy Spirit gathers us both in-person and online as we continue to live together as the body of Christ during this pandemic.

Online worship continues to be streamed every Sunday at 10:30 am on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarksLutheran/>).

St. Mark's email list If you are not receiving emails from St. Mark's, we may not have your correct email address. Please contact the church to let us know. We send at least 2 emails every week.

Family Ministry

Youth Classes

Sundays at 9:30: Youth Group in the Youth Room. Godly Play has been temporarily paused.

Confirmation Class meets every other Sunday at 9:30.

Stewardship

2023 Stewardship Appeal

If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider making a financial pledge of support for St. Mark's in 2023. Your pledge helps St. Mark's ministries of worship, service and fellowship continue over the coming year. Your pledge of support is welcome at any time. Pledge cards are available in the Gathering Place. An online pledge option is also available from our website, or you may use the QR code.

You may use the QR code at left (hover your phone



camera to connect) for immediate access to St. Mark's website donation page. Pledges and donations for Altar Flowers may also be made using this code.

Altar Flower Sponsorship If you would like to sponsor live flowers for our Sunday worship service, please sign up on the calendar by the mailbox room or contact the church office.

Social Ministry

We continue to remember the hungry and homeless through our social ministries.

Loaves and Fishes Please remember families who need some assistance putting food on the table every day. Let's continue to overflow our baker's rack with non-perishable, **non-breakable** food items. Or you can leave your donation by the choir room door from 10:00 - 2:00 Monday - Thursday. "I was hungry and you gave me food" Matt.25:35

Soup Kitchen St. Mark's Soup Kitchen is serving lunch in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday for our neighbors. If you would like to serve, please contact us. You may also support the Soup Kitchen through financial donations sent to the church, or through St. Mark's online giving portal. Help us share God's love!

Announcements

AA meets Monday nights "Third Tradition", 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall; Wednesday nights "Just the Basics", 7:30 p.m. in Room 210; Thursday nights "Not a Glum Lot", 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; Saturday morning 10:30 a.m. "SLAA".

Music Notes

"We Walk By Faith" ELW 635 At first glance this hymn may appear to have been written in the twentieth or twenty-first century, however it comes to us from the pen of nineteenth century English writer and minister Henry Alford (1810-1871). In addition to being a parish priest, and eventually dean of Canterbury Cathedral, he was a Greek scholar, musician, painter, wrote eighteen hymns, and wrote or edited forty-eight books. This hymn was first published in *Psalms and Hymns* (London, 1844), and written for the commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. He quotes from the account of Jesus and Thomas in John 20, but includes all of us, in our Emmaus walk and our meeting with our Risen Lord in water, bread and wine. Marty Haugen (b. 1950) American composer of liturgical music, wrote the tune we sing today. **SHANTI** is Sanskrit for "shalom" or "peace".

"Thine Is the Glory" ELW 376 This French Easter hymn was written by Edmond Budry (1854-1932) with its first publication in 1885. Budry was pastor for thirty-five years of the Free Church in Vevey, Switzerland. He begins this hymn with a line of praise to the risen Christ, then repeated after each stanza in the refrain. It tells of angels who rolled the stone away, alludes to Jesus' encounter with the women at the tomb, and refers to the doubting of Thomas. The tune **JUDAS MACCABAEUS** is by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) and is from his oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

April 19, Olavus Petri, priest (1493-1552); Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala (1499-1573), renewers of the church

These two brothers are commemorated for their introduction of the Lutheran movement to the Church of Sweden after studying at the University of Wittenberg. They returned home and, through the support of King Gustavus Vasa, began their work. Olavus published a catechism, hymnal, and a Swedish version of the mass. He resisted attempts by the king to gain royal control of the church. Laurentius was a professor at the University of Uppsala. When the king wanted to abolish the ministry of bishops, Laurentius persuaded him to retain it. The historic episcopate continues in Sweden to this day. Together, the brothers published a complete Bible in Swedish and a revised liturgy in 1541.

April 21, Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury (1033/4-1109)

Anselm was the most luminous and penetrating intellect between Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. He is counted among the medieval mystics who emphasized the maternal aspects of God. Of Jesus Anselm says, "In sickness you nurse us with pure milk you feed us." His work *Cur Deus Homo* (Why God Became Human) was the most considerable contribution to the Theology of Atonement in the Medieval period. Anselm argued that human rebellion against God demanded a payment, but because humanity is fallen it was incapable of making that "satisfaction." However, in Christ, God took on human nature to make the perfect payment for humanity's sin.

Adapted from Sundays and Seasons

St. Mark's Prayer List

Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, David Kutscher, Vann Milheim, Steve Rach, Oakley Coburn, Stanley Davis, Arlene Fielding, Sergei Kobiakov, Bill Schwartz, Christopher Shirley, Joan Love, Jane Thompson, Jamie Bates, Jimmy Schwartz, John Simon, Dan Price, Roxi Tolbert, Katie Yowell, Shirley Larson, and Ingrid Keiris.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests (pastortimsmc@gmail.com)

Readings for 4/23/2023,

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

*I will call on the name
of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)*

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Birthdays

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



Do you feel like you are in crisis? In Isaiah it is written, "Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God." Stephen ministers are here to show the Lord's love and comfort for you in times of trial. If you would like to confidentially speak to a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Tim (pastortimsmc@gmail.com)

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