



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



APRIL 23, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

In today's gospel a stranger who was Jesus came near and went with two disciples walking to Emmaus on Easter day. The risen Christ overcame their feelings of loss and disappointment by revealing himself in the word and the breaking of the bread. Jesus draws near to us, going with us on all our journeys. He continues to reveal himself to us in word and in the breaking of the bread so we might also tell others of Jesus with us on the road.

GATHERING

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

“Choral in E Major” Op. 37, No. 4

Joseph Jongen

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” ELW 368

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation.
You pure in heart, all bear your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free forever, he is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends
good new to save ev'ry nation.
2. True God, he first from death has burst forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy now vanquished see; his death has been death's undoing.
“And yours shall be like victory o'er death and grave,” says he who gave
his life for us, life renewing.
3. Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall his love give us above, from misery and death set free,
all joy and full consolation.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536-1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976, alt. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House; Music: Medieval European tune

Please be seated.

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

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*

imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while

he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“Jesus went with them”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

“Day of Arising” ELW 374

RAABE

Text: Susan Palo Chervien, b. 1953 © 1996, admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929, © 1999 Augsburg Fortress

1. Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
2. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
Our invitation; Stay, do not part.
3. Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
4. Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

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

(Pastor McKenzie, prayers)

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.*

Abiding God, you reveal yourself in word and sacrament. Help your church also to see you in the stranger and all we whom meet, so that strengthened by your body and blood, we might accept all people, proclaiming you risen and alive in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, you reveal yourself in the flowing waters and the abundant grain of creation. Help all who have been baptized and fed at your table, to care for grain and water, so that no one is ever thirsty or hungry and that all people know of your abundant love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, you reveal yourself in community and government. Help and inspire all who lead and govern to serve with compassion and justice for the stranger, the weak, the invisible and the oppressed so that no one ever feels excluded or far away from your mercy and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, you reveal yourself in healing hands and those who care for the sick and the dying. Bless all who care for those who suffer in any way. We pray for all who hunger for your comforting presence, and we especially remember: 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, Kliffia Harman, Jamie Bates, Jimmy Schwartz, John Simon, Dan Price, Roxi Tolbert, Katie Yowell, Shirley Larson, Ingrid Keiris, Bishop Tim Smith, Martha Stackel, and Sam Temple.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, you reveal yourself calling us to be peacemakers. We pray for peace in Ukraine and the end of war with Russia, and we pray for an end to gun violence in our own nation. Grant legislators the courage to work for peace and a world where all human life is honored and protected. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, you reveal yourself in Jesus the bread of heaven. As grains of wheat once scattered upon the hill have been gathered into one, so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Daily raise us to live into eternal life, abiding in your promise of resurrection. 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

“Touch That Soothes and Heals” from *All Creation Sings*
*Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:*

Greg DeMey

Refrain: “See my hands and feet,” said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.

“Be my hands and feet,” said Jesus, “live as ones I died to save.”

*Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there. Refrain*

Love and serve without distinction all earth’s people, first and last.

Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. Refrain

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ELW 392

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

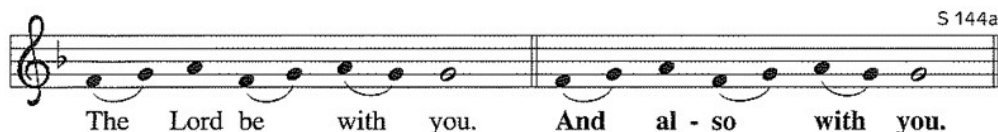
Offering Prayer

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



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*

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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.

“Improvisation on ‘Day of Arising’”

Tune RAABE by Carl F. Schalk
Setting for organ by David M. Cherwien

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

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” ELW 377

EARTH AND ALL STARS

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5. City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 © 1995 Augsburg Fortress; Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987 © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Prelude on ‘Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds’”

Tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Organ setting by Jacob B. Weber

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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie (prayers); crucifer/acolyte: Michael Lakeman; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Ken Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley; greeters: Dale & Mary Lou Hopp, Charles & Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Kevin & Karen Feezor, Janice Miller, Lisa Barnette, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Catherine Metze; nursery attendants: Charlotte Dixon & Susan Ginns; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Christian Souza, Amy Woodall, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Lisa Barnette; crucifer/acolyte: Michael Lakeman; lector: Kay Finlon; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: Team C; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Michael & Tara Thompson; communion assistants: Cliff Edahl, Rebecca Huang, Jay Jacob, A.J. Pridgen, Nick Wartner; communion helper: Kay Finlon; nursery attendants: Betsy Wenzel & Dawn Schwartz; tabulators: Susan League, Doug Milheim



Parish News

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: NEXT SUNDAY April 30th there will be one service at 10 am. Pastor CeeCee Mills is visiting us regarding calling an additional Rostered Minister (deacon or associate pastor) to Saint Mark's. Pastor Mills will preach, followed by a potluck lunch and "town hall" session in the Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Life will supply fried chicken; please bring sides or desserts to share.

Queen City Ringers Handbell Concert

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

Additional Easter Donations: Easter Lily: In Honor of Our Grandsons by Patrick & Lynda Walters. **Sunburst**

Wreath: In Memory of Richard Cansler by Millie Cansler; to the Glory of God and in Honor of Our Family by Gene & Jackie Ellington; Evelyn Gerdes; in Honor of My New Great-Granddaughter, Ellie Joe & Emie Holman by Joanne Marz. **Refugee Support Services:** Millie Cansler; in Memory of Marie Anne Daniels by Dale & Mary Lou Hopp.

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: Thank you for your participation in the LIFESPAN sponsored Health and Wellness drive to benefit adults with developmental disabilities. LIFESPAN will be collecting our donations this Thursday the 27th. They will be grateful for our participation in their assistance to these special adults.

Theology on Tap will be held May 11 at 7pm at The Vaulted Oak Brewery, 3726 Monroe Rd. All are welcome.

St. Mark's Ethnic Restaurant Group on May 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM will dine at **La Shish Kabob**. This restaurant is located at 3117 N Sharon Amity Road, 28205 (in a strip mall, 300 feet north from the intersection with Albemarle Road, on the west (uptown) side of North Sharon Amity Road). Slow down, or you may miss your turn! La Shish Kabob serves hot and cold Near Eastern entrees, sides, and desserts in a casual deli-type space. The salads and soups and specialty dishes all are prepared under Izzat Freitekh's careful supervision from his family's recipes. The selections include dishes from gyros and kabobs to shawarmas and slowly simmered lamb and chicken served with mountains of moulikhla (yellow) rice. Izzat's Lebanese grandmother would be proud of how some of her recipes are served at La Shish Kabob! All are welcome

to join the fun at La Shish Kabob! 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 baba-ghannouj, hommos, falafel, kibbeh, kabob, tabouli, chicken salad, or even double lamb shanks and rice! And, don't forget to save room for any (or all) of the fresh pastries. **RSVP** for seating to Tom and Judy Tolbert (please call the church office) by the Sunday afternoon before the dinner. We look forward to greeting you at La Shish Kabob!

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, 4/23 at 9:30 in the Large Conference room. We will not meet on 4/30. 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".



**PLEASE NOTE: April 30
One service only at 10 am.**

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Music Notes

"With High Delight Let Us Unite" ELW 368 This hymn by Georg Vetter (1536-1599) was first published in 1566 and included in *Kirchengeseng*, a Bohemian Brethren (later known as Moravian Brethren) hymnbook. Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976) translated the hymn into English, with first publication in our Lutheran resources in *Worship Supplement* (1969). Vetter was a Bohemian Brethren pastor, who playing a leading role in the translation of the Bible for the Czech region, which was comparable to Martin Luther's translation for German speaking people. Paul Westermeyer writes of this hymn: "This is a joyous Easter hymn. it gives expression to the explosive song spawned by the freedom from and death of death obtained by Christ's death and resurrection". **MIT FREUDEN ZART** is a medieval Bohemian Brethren tune.

"Day of Arising" ELW 374 This hymn was written by American hymn writer Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021), former wife of composer/organist David Cherwien. The text was commissioned in 1996 for an annual assembly of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA. The text is based on Luke 24:13-35, the meeting with the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. The tune **RAABE** is named for William and Nancy Raabe, who commissioned it from composer Carl Schalk (1929-2021) a former professor of church music at Concordia University in Chicago.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

April 23, Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society (1888-1960)

Orphaned early, Toyohiko Kagawa was disowned by his extended family when he became a Christian. As a student he met Canon Samuel Barnett, founder of Toynbee Hall (1884) in the slums of east London, who had traveled to Japan. On Christmas Eve, 1909, in emulation of Barnett, Kagawa moved from his seminary dorm into the slums of Shinkawa in Kobe, living and working among the poor. He studied at Princeton University (1914-1917), and was one of the first to analyze reasons for poverty in early industrial Japan. Influenced by the Franciscans and the Jesuits, he established a "Friends of Jesus" society. He published and traveled widely, and was arrested multiple times in Japan's overseas colonies for apologizing for Japan's aggression and colonial rule. His theology centers on the "redemptive love" (贖罪愛) of Jesus Christ, in whom God suffers with humanity.

April 25, Mark, evangelist

Though Mark was not an Apostle, it is likely that he was a member of one of the early Christian communities. It is possible that he is the John Mark of Acts 12 whose mother owned the house where the disciples gathered. The gospel attributed to him is brief and direct. Tradition has it that Mark went to preach in Alexandria, Egypt, became the first bishop there, and was martyred. The winged lion is his symbol, and also a symbol of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

April 29, Catherine of Siena, theologian (1347-1380)

Catherine of Siena joined the "Mantellate" serving as a tertiary of the Dominican Order (a lay sister). She was a mystic, Scholastic philosopher, and a theologian. She worked to bring the papacy of Gregory XI back to Rome from its exile in Avignon, France, and was sent as an ambassador to negotiate peace among warring Italian city-states. Her letter to Pope Urban VI is well-known both for encouraging the pope to reform the church, but to reform it with compassion and love. In 1970 she was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI. Thirty-six historical figures (including four women) have been named "Doctor of the Church." The other women are Teresa of Ávila, Hildegard von Bingen, and Thérèse of Lisieux. The ELW (p. 87) contains "A prayer of Catherine of Siena."

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St. Mark's Prayer List

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

Readings for 4/30/2023,

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42:47

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd: I shall
not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Birthdays

4/23 Layton Campbel

4/23 Shelley Ferner

4/24 Emily Ritchie

4/25 Riley Smith

4/27 Timothy McKenzie

4/28 Catherine Metze

4/29 Hannah Bonetti

4/29 Jim Stone



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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