



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known

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APRIL 9, 2023

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/ EASTER DAY
10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

GATHERING

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

PUER NOBIS

Tune adapted by Michael Praetorius

Setting for brass choir, timpani and organ by David Johnson

Dressing of the Altar

Cliff & Joann Edahl

Music

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands”

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

Tune by Martin Luther and Johann Walther, Harmonization by J. S. Bach

The congregation stands as the cross is carried into the sanctuary.

Processional Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ELW 365

EASTER HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; fr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4. Music: J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

Please be seated.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Welcome

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Confession.

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.

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*

- 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

- For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

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

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Lowell Engelhard, lector

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Richard Proulx

Kate Suchanek, Micah Hein, Christian Souza, Amy Woodall, cantors

Psalm 118, Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE; Arr. Richard Proulx; © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us re-joice, let us be glad.

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.” ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through

them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Lowell Engelhard, lector

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Gospel Procession

“Lift High the Cross” from *Five Festive Processionals*

Tune CRUCIFER by Sydney H. Nicholson

Setting for brass, timpani and organ by Robert J. Powell

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“Do not be afraid”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!” ELW 364

MFURANHINI, HALELUYA

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938, © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 © 1977 H. S. Olson; Music: Tanzanian traditional

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain*
3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave-clothes are lying there." *Refrain*

Please stand.

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

(Mike Doyne, 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.

Risen Lord, though your Resurrection was long ago, it is more relevant than ever. The angel's admonition to the two Marys to tell others of your resurrection applies to us today as well as then. Help us, your church, to constantly remember this mighty act of God, to share the story and to live lives reflecting your sacrifice. Give us the strength to live a life with a strong faith. Help us to understand what it means to live with compassion for others, uplifting those who suffer and truly caring for those in need. Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of Hosts, the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Bless all nations and their leaders to rejoice in your steadfast love and to serve the people of this world with justice and compassion that comes from you. Daily lead the nations into paths of peace and mutual aid so that all people might say that you are their strength and salvation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of the universe, we give thanks for the beauty and wonder of the earth and the heavens. We are deeply grateful for the work of women, men and organizations that dedicate their careers and lives to protecting, studying and enlightening us about our world and the universe in which it exists. Help us to understand and manage the finite natural resources of this world and wisely use them to the advantage of peoples everywhere. Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example of servanthood in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for the sick and the dying and for all who care for them, and we especially remember before you those in need of strength and healing: 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, Anthony Perrini, Sergei Kobiakov, Bill Schwartz, Christopher Shirley, Joan Love, Jane Thompson, Kliffia Harman, Jamie Bates, Jimmy Schwartz, John Simon, Dan Price, Roxi Tolbert, Susan Campbell, Katie Yowell, Shirley Larson, and Ingrid Keiris. Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, the beauty of an Easter sunrise is an appropriate reminder of the glory in Jesus' resurrection and the promise of his everlasting presence in our lives. In a world full of distractions, conflict and misdirection, a life built on a steadfast faith in Christ allows us to meet each day with strength. Be with all of us as individuals and as a church as we rise to meet the challenges of living full Christian lives in a secularizing world. Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of the resurrection, we give thanks for saints, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer whose commemoration is today, who fearlessly proclaimed your gospel. Equip us like them with courage to share the good news of Jesus Christ in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

“Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah

George Frideric Handel

Choir, trumpets, timpani and organ

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!

*The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
and He shall reign forever and ever.*

King of kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“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!

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

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

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

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

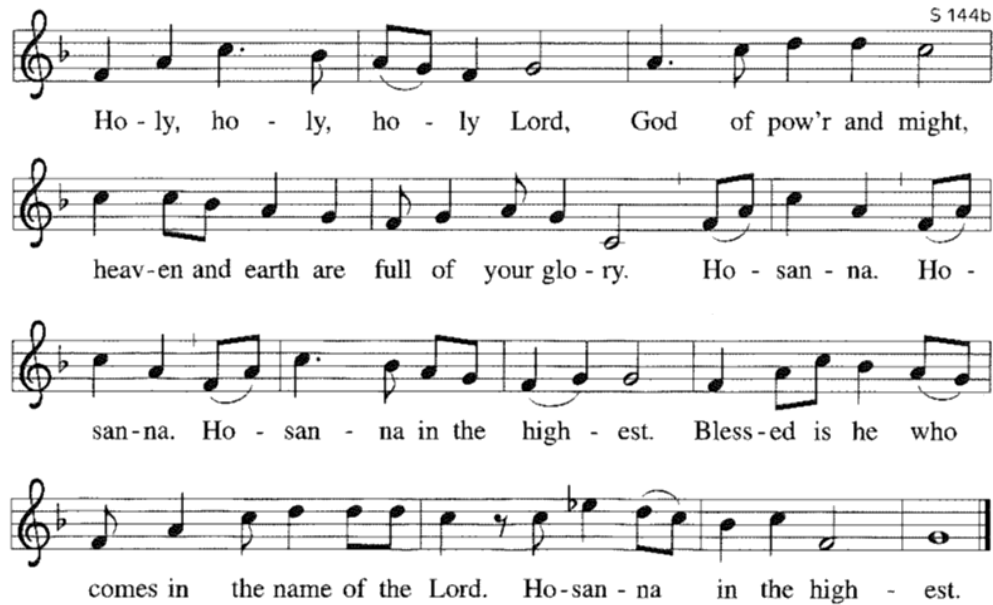
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

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



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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.

“Holy Is God the Lord” from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn
Setting for brass, timpani, and organ by S. Drummond Wolff

Communion Anthem “Christus Paradox”
Based on the French carol PICARDY
Setting for choir, brass, timpani and organ by Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peace-maker and sword-bringer of the way your took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, who are our death and life. Alleluia.

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 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today;” ELW 369

LLANFAIR

1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way;
Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! at the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!
2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! sinless in the sinner’s stead.
Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die.
Alleluia!
3. Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia! met in strange and awesome strife.
Alleluia!
4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die.
Alleluia!

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Royal Brass Music”

Nicholas Guy

Closing Voluntary

“Toccata” from *Fifth Organ Symphony*

Charles-Marie Widor

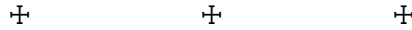
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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie ; prayer assistant: Mike Doyne; crucifer/acolyte: Michael Lakeman; Bible bearer: Jonathan Lakeman; lector: Lowell Engelhard; live streaming camera: Joe Barrett; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Ken Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley; greeters: Joanne Marz, Jay Jacob; communion assistants: Cliff Edahl, Gretchen Payne, Rebecca Huang, Nick Wartner, Jonathan Lakeman; communion helper: Karen Covington; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Janice Miller; musicians: St. Mark’s Choir, Brass Quintet: Don Tison, Courtney Wyatt Loftis, Trumpets; Judith Thompson, Horn; Brent Ballard, Scott Bailey, Trombones; Will Keith, timpani; Elizabeth (Bibba) Whitener, Assisting Organist; Marcia Newlin, Assisting Conductor; Amy Woodall, Kate Suchanek, Christian Souza, Micah Hein, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Brady Ferner; crucifer/acolyte: Brady Ferner; lector: Karen Feezor; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Team C; greeters: Millie Cansler,

Eileen Dunlap; communion assistants: Carol Goodall, Charles Lakeman, Chris & Brooks Stevenson, Lawanna Stoeckel; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! A blessed Easter to all the members and friends of St. Mark's. May we walk in the light and hope of the Risen Lord, Jesus. The church office will be closed Monday, April 10th.

Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and St. Marks pastor and staff by Karen Covington.

Easter Day Instrumentalists We welcome six guest instrumentalists to our Easter worship services this morning at St. Mark's! Their presence with us is

made possible by gifts to the Music Fund of St. Mark's Lutheran, dedicated to the Glory of God, from the Anne Martin Schwartz Music Endowment, William & Mabel Doser Music Endowment, and these individuals: Steve & Sandy Rach, Grey Hunter Hamilton, Lowell Engelhard, Barbara Baker, Marcia Newlin, Tom & Judy Tolbert, David Thomason & Ted Seman, Larry Dagenhart, Jay & Amy Jacob, Paul Koehnke & Jay Norvell, and Layton Campbell & Lester Ackerman

College Care Packs Please bring treats and sweets to send to our college students by April 16.

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.

LENTEN BOX OFFERINGS: Thank you for bringing your Lenten boxes. Make sure your name is on it as well as your envelope number if you have one. We would like to have all donations counted as soon after Easter as possible in order to purchase the infant car seats for the new little members of our community, whose parents are assisted by REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES

The St. Mark's 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 and deliver dinner for Hospitality House on **Thursday, April 20th.**

St. Mark's Ethnic Restaurant Group on April 18 at 7PM will dine at **Miro Spanish Grill** in the Tarrington 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. All are welcome to join the fun at Miro! **Please RSVP** for seating to Tom and Judy Tolbert (call the church office) 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 each Sunday at 9:30 in the Large Conference room. Examine Lewis's experiences with doubt, conversion, grief, and joy and how to apply those lessons today. Professor Michael Ward leads this video course based on Lewis's classic writings.

"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

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" ELW 365 has found its rightful place as the expected processional/opening hymn for Easter Day worship. We do not know who wrote either the text or the tune, with the exception of the fourth stanza penned by the great English hymn writer Charles Wesley (1707-1788). The text first appeared in an anonymous fourteenth-century Latin manuscript. A number of translations were made into German and English, with the first known publication in English by John Walsh in 1708, in a collection entitled *Lyra Davidica*. The tune **EASTER HYMN** is often regarded as one of the first examples of the new "evangelical revival tunes" that became popular in eighteenth-century England .

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" ELW 364 This Swahili hymn was written in 1966 by Bernard Kyamanywa (b. 1938) while he was a student at the Lutheran seminary in Makumira, Tanzania. Howard S. Olson (1922-2010) made the first translation into English in 1969., with its inclusion in *With One Voice* (1995). Paul Westermeyer writes: "What we have here is an announcement of Christ's resurrection with a narrative about it in five stanzas, followed by an exuberant congregational refrain. In East African call-response fashion, the structure suggests a soloist or small group who make the announcements, with the assembly responding by taking up the song, recounting a summary about death's destruction, and summarizing the whole with the church's Alleluia". The tune **MFURAHINI, HALELUYA** comes from the Haya people of northwestern Tanzania, transcribed by Howard Olson .

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

April 9, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906-1945)

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who, at the age of twenty-five, became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. In 1933, and with Hitler's rise to power, Bonhoeffer became a leading spokesman for the Confessing Church, a resistance movement against the Nazis. He was arrested in 1943. Linked to a failed attempt on Hitler's life, he was imprisoned in Tegel Prison outside Berlin, later sent to Buchenwald, and was hanged at Flossenbürg concentration camp on April 9, 1945. His reported last words were, "This is the end, but for me the beginning of life." *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* includes a hymn by Bonhoeffer, "By gracious powers" (#626).

April 10, Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, (c.1510-1557)

Agricola was consecrated as the bishop of Turku in 1554 without papal approval. As a result, he began a reform of the Finnish church along Lutheran lines. He translated the New Testament, the prayerbook, hymns, and the mass into Finnish, and through this work set the rules of orthography that are the basis of modern Finnish spelling. His thoroughgoing work is particularly remarkable in that he accomplished it in only three years. He died suddenly on a return trip from negotiating a peace treaty with the Russians.

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, Anthony Perrini, Sergei Kobiakov, Bill Schwartz, Christopher Shirley, Joan Love, Jane Thompson, Kliffia Harman, Jamie Bates, Jimmy Schwartz, John Simon, Dan Price, Roxi Tolbert, Susan Campbell, Katie Yowell, Shirley Larson, and Ingrid Keiris.

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

Readings for 4/16/2023, Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16

*In your presence there is
fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)*

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Birthdays

4/10 Alan Harms

4/11 Clayton Wall

4/12 Drew Goodson

4/12 Ken Hazen

4/14 John Brumbaugh

4/15 Nancy Deal



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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