



## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*



**MAY 11, 2025**

### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Jesus promises that those who hear his voice and follow him will have eternal life and never perish. Dorcas in Acts was a woman who followed Jesus, devoted to good works and acts of charity. Like her, we are called to tend Jesus' sheep, to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and shelter to those in need. We are to be a sign of the God who wipes away every tear from their eyes.*

### GATHERING

*The congregation is invited to join in the **BOLD** responses.*

#### **Prelude**

"Prelude" from *Suite in E-flat Major for Cello*, BWV 1010

Johann Sebastian Bach; Allison Drenkow, cello

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

**Processional Hymn** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" ELW 619 Stanzas 1-4, & 8 **DUKE STREET**

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
3. He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;  
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
4. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
8. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.; Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

*Please be seated.*

#### **Welcome**

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

#### **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,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The congregation may kneel or sit for the Confession. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you and given  
ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things we have done  
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**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.**

*Please stand as able.*

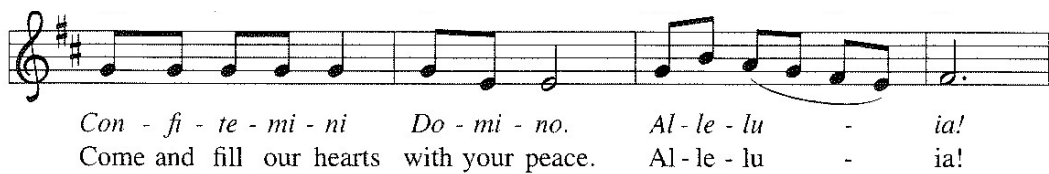
### **Kyrie**

“Come and Fill Our Hearts” ELW 528 sing two times

CONFITEMINI DOMINO



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



## Hymn of Praise “Glory Be to God in Heaven” from *Holy Communion Setting Ten*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious savior, you have come from heav’n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### First Reading

**Acts 9:36-43**

Meg Fielding, lector

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 23

Nick Hanewinkel, Amy Woodall, cantors

Psalm 23:1 (Thomas Pavlechko) from Psalter for Worship Year C © 2006 Augsburg Fortress



*The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want. <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters. <sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R*

## Second Reading

## Revelation 7:9-17

Meg Fielding, lector

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen" <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

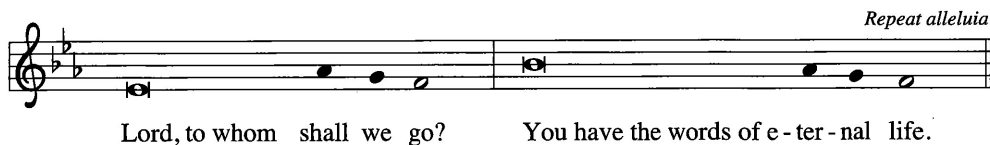
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## Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" from *Holy Communion Setting Twelve*



*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing one of these verses.*



## The Holy Gospel

## John 10:22-30

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow

me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

*"My sheep hear my voice"*

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ELW 789

BRADBURY

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847; Music: B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

1. Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
2. We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be:  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
4. Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

**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**

Charles Lakeman, prayer assistant

*The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.*

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Good Shepherd, you call your church to follow where you lead. Give us ears to hear and know your voice. And give us the courage and strength to lay down our lives for one another, as even you laid down your life for us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, like a shepherd you tend the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and species, and teach us new ways of living in harmony and peace with all that has life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, we pray for our world in which even ordinary humanity fails so often. We pray for government ministers in every nation that those who lead and take on great responsibilities may not simply wish to seem great in the eyes of others, but may genuinely serve their people, searching continually for policies and actions which will be for the good of all, especially for the weakest and most vulnerable. Hear our prayer and grant us insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the willingness to share, to war with peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you wipe away the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety and depression, loneliness and addiction, sickness and recovery. Grant peace and healing to our extended church family: Susan Ginns, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Jerry Poplin, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Betty Denison, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Julie Dornberger, Angie Blackwelder Malone, Norma Alexander, Laura Elliott, Gene Ellington, Ken Foust, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa and Oakley Coburn, Ingrid Keiris, Shirley Larson, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Rachel Fulp, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, strengthen us by your Spirit so that we might serve you by helping those who

suffer from hunger and poverty. Bless those who support and maintain food pantries, soup kitchens, community health centers, homeless shelters and other resources to house, feed and care for your children. Inspire us to challenge our elected leaders to re-examine the systemic causes of hunger and poverty so that we all might see your face among the poor and marginalized and learn to love, welcome and serve all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Shepherding God, we remember with thanksgiving all mothers and mother figures. We praise you for the wisdom and encouragement of mothers who model faith, hope and love for so many. Support all for whom this day is also difficult; console all grieving the death of a mother and all mothers who have lost a child. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal Shepherd, your sheep know your voice and they will never perish. As you led the saints of every time and place, so lead us that goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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**

“Good Shepherd”

Gwyneth Walker

*The King of Love my Shepherd is whose goodness fails me never. I nothing lack, since I am His, and He is mine forever. I nothing lack, since I am His, and He is mine forever. God before me. God beside me. God behind me. God above me. Where streams of living waters flow, my troubled soul is healing. And quietly the pastures grow the voice of God revealing, and quietly the pastures grow the voice of God revealing. In darkest hours I fear no ill, with my dear Lord beside me. Your strength and mercy comfort still, Your hand is there to guide me. Your strength and mercy comfort still, Your hand is there to guide me. And so through all the length of days we ne’er shall grow apart. Good Shepherd, I will sing Your praise for living in my heart. O King O Love! O Prince of Peace! O Child of Hope! Good Shepherd, I will sing Your praise for living in my heart.*

*Please stand as able.*

**Offertory**

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)*

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ELW 392 stanza one

HYFRYDOL

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

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.”

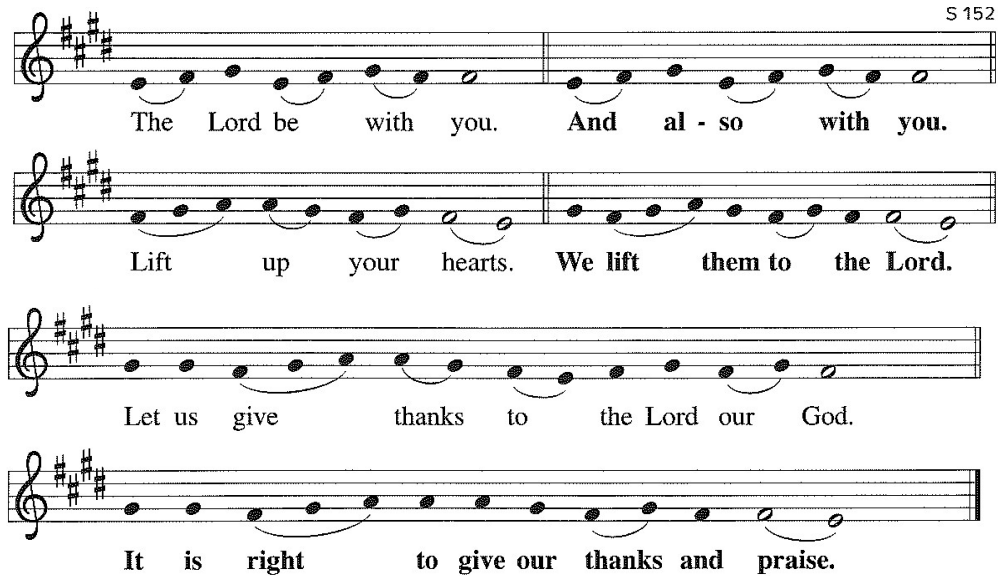
## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## 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.

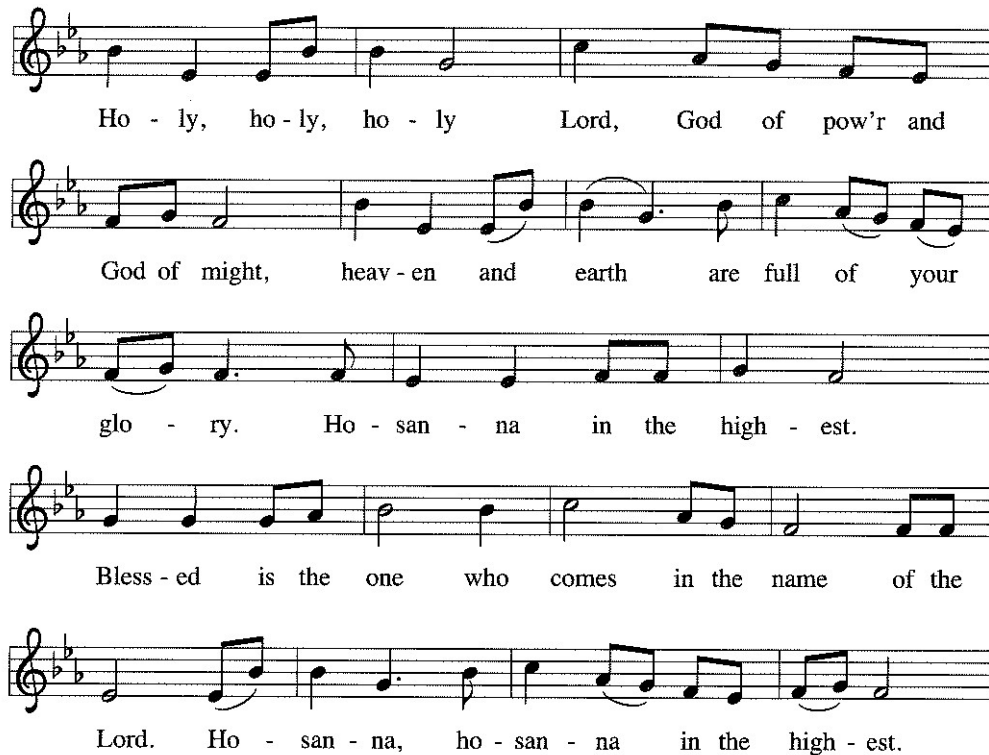
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

*Holy Communion Setting Twelve*



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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please be seated.*

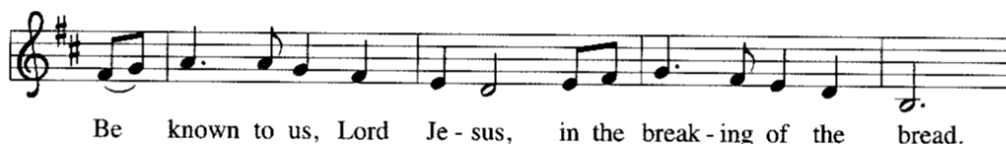
## Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is offered continuously at the Lord's table and at the high altar. Please follow the ushers' prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station and returning via the side aisles. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, distribution is by wafers and small cups, and on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month distribution is by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are always available. Communion kits are no longer available.*

## Communion Music

"Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus" from *All Creation Sings*

Holy Communion Setting Twelve





“Courante” from *Suite in E-flat for Cello*, BWV 1010

J. S. Bach

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” from *Three Shepherd Hymns*

Setting by Daniel Burton; Allison Drenkow, cello

Tune ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody

*Please stand as able.*

### Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### SENDING BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

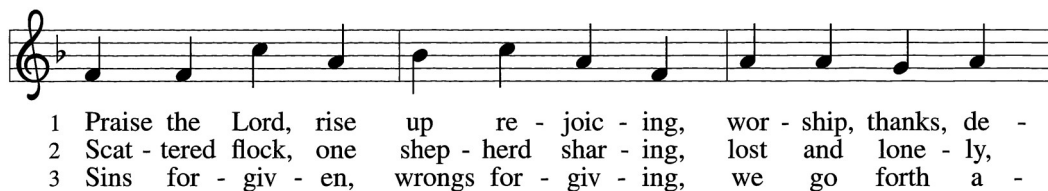
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

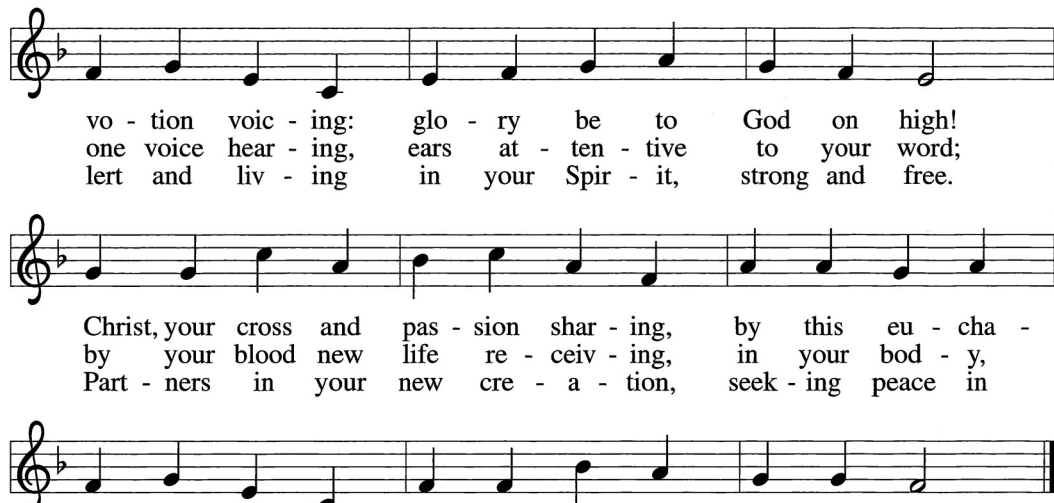
**Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn “Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing” ELW 544

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983, alt. © Oxford University Press; Music: Johann Lohner, 1645-1705, adapt.





vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## Postlude

“Gigue” from *Suite in G Major for Cello*, BWV 1007

J. S. Bach



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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Charles Lakeman; crucifer/acolyte: Palmer Stevenson; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Jay Jacob, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Jackie Ellington; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Susan Lakeman, Andrea Long, John Simon; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Allison Drenkow, cello; Nick Hanewinckel, Amy Woodall, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Youth; crucifer/acolyte: Brady Ferner; lector: Marty Schwartz; live streaming camera: Joe Barrett; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: Team A; greeters: Evelyn Gerdes, Eddie & Carol Goodall; communion assistants: Janice Miller, Chris Stevenson, Palmer Stevenson, Betsy Wenzel, Kimberly Zimmerman; communion helper: Kay Finlon; tabulators: Meg Fielding, Diane Thomas

### 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 Christ is risen and alive in every heart open to him. In Holy Baptism we are raised with Christ to live into his resurrection life each 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." The good news of Easter is powerful because daily we also live among the things that are "below" - the things of this broken and sinful world. This is the world God so loves, where Christ lived and died that he might raise us with Christ to seek the things that are above, moving us from death to life. Every day, freed from sin and death, may you seek the things that are above. In doing so, Christ, who is alive in you, will help you live for others with his unfailing strength.

In the grace and peace of Christ,  
Pastor Tim McKenzie  
pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org

### *Coming Up at St. Mark's*

#### **Worship and Congregational Life**

**Mother's Day** A blessed Mother's Day to all mothers and mother figures. We give thanks for the wisdom and encouragement of mothers who are models of faith, hope and love for so many!

**Love Circle** will meet Wednesday, May 14 at 11 am in the Large Conference Room. All are welcome. This is our last meeting until fall.

**Our May Theology on Tap** will be Thursday, May 15 at 7 pm at the home of Genna & Matt Hurley. BYOB and an appetizer to share. Text Genna for the address at 704-200-4679. Rain Plan - go to the Cotswold location of The Pizza Peel located at 4422 Colwick Road.

**The Ethnic Restaurant Group** will re-calibrate our taste-buds at **Bad Daddy's Burger Bar** in Ballantyne on **May 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM**. Big Daddy's started on East Blvd in 2007. The Ballantyne location has good parking and safe strolling in the middle of Ballantyne: **15105 John J**

**Delaney Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277**. Bad Daddy's has a fervently defended reputation for being THE place for burgers on the south side of Charlotte. There are entrées other than burgers, but it's difficult to move past the concept of "burger" at this specialty restaurant. Incentive like sweet potato fries with chipotle-buttermilk—or 20 other sauces—further encourage sticking to a burger theme. The lengthy menu includes appetizers, beef, chicken, turkey, salmon, and even no-meat burgers. Possible beverages include water, sodas, Margaritas, tipsy milkshakes, and other bar items. One has the option to design a burger from scratch. The healthy column includes salads that also can be specified in detail or taken from the menu. And, there are desserts, including banana pudding and other delights. The atmosphere is friendly and festive. The service is attentive and helpful. The food is delicious. This will be an interesting place to try out a new, earlier time for dinners. Heading west on Ballantyne Commons Parkway: turn left at the last traffic light before Johnston Road/US-521 (John J Delaney Drive). If you miss that turn, turn left on Johnston Road, then turn left at the first traffic light (John J Delaney Drive is a "loop" road). Heading east on Ballantyne Commons Parkway: go through the Johnston Road/US-521 intersection, then turn right at the first traffic light (John J Delaney Drive). Heading south on Johnston Road/US-521: go through the Ballantyne Commons Parkway intersection, then turn left at first the traffic light (John J Delaney Drive). Heading north on Johnston Road/US-521: turn right at the John J Delaney Drive traffic light. If you miss that turn, turn right on Ballantyne Commons Parkway, then turn right at the first traffic light (John J Delaney Drive). RSVP to Tom & Judy Tolbert to hold seating for a tantalizing taste-adventure!

**The St. Mark's Book Study Group** will next meet on Thursday, May 22, at 10 am in the large conference room (and via Zoom). Our selection this month is *The Hunter* by Tana French. This is a sequel to *The Searcher*, which we read last fall. Cal Hooper, a retired American detective, moved from Chicago to a small village in Ireland because it looked like a nice place to live. Cal has built a furniture business in the community. He has developed a relationship with Lena (a local woman) and is gradually turning Trey Reddy from a half-feral teenager into a good kid going good places. But then Trey's long-absent father re-appears, bringing along an English millionaire and a scheme to find gold in the townland. Suddenly everything they've been building is under threat. This is a nuanced, atmospheric tale that explores what we'll do for our loved ones, what we'll

do for revenge, and what we sacrifice when the two collide. Please join us for this multi-faceted mystery. You may contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert for more information.

**Aid for Hurricane Helene Victims** Thank you to all for your donations. If you would like to help, please see the NC Synod's website.

**Thinking of joining St. Mark's?** Please see Pastor Tim to set up a time to talk. All people are welcome at St. Mark's!

**The Christian Education Hour is at 9:30 am on Sundays.** You are invited to join the Faith Forum for lively discussion. The class meets at 9:30 in the Large Conference room. New members are always welcome.

**Online worship** is streamed live every Sunday at 10:30 am on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@st.markslutherancharlotte234/streams>), St. Mark's website (<https://saintmarkscharlotte.org/live-stream/>), and 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**

**Nursery:** A fun-filled nursery, staffed by volunteers, is located downstairs. An usher is available to show you the way. Our safety protocols offer peace of mind so you can worship without worry.

**Confirmation Class** meets every Sunday at 9:30.

### **Stewardship**

Please prayerfully consider your 2025 pledge to Christ's mission at St. Mark's. Your pledge is important to St. Mark's mission and may also be offered at any time. Brochures are available in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your faithful gifts to St. Mark's ministries. 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.



**2025 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**

**NOURISH UP (Loaves & Fishes)** The need for assistance in many families goes on. ALL foods are welcome but some items you may not have thought of but are certainly needed and appreciated: ketchup, mustard, mayo, salt, pepper, sugar, flour, tea bags, instant coffee, pancake mix "complete", syrup and cornbread mix. Please make sure all donations are NON-PERISHABLE and NON-BREAKABLE. The gathering place baker's rack is always waiting for your donations to those in our community in need. *"When I was hungry you gave me food"*

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

## *Music Notes*

**"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"** ELW 789 gives us images for both Psalm 23 and the parable of the good shepherd in John 10. The hymn first appeared in the collection *Hymns for the Young* (London, 1836) compiled by Dorothy Thrupp (1779-1847), but we don't know for certain she is the author, as she wrote anonymously or under pseudonyms. William Bradbury (1816-1868) wrote the tune **BRADBURY** for this hymn, and it was published in his Sunday school book entitled *Oriola* (1859).

**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"** ELW 619 This hymn was penned by Samuel Medley (1738-1799) a former British sailor, converted by reading a sermon by Isaac Watts and then serving as a Baptist minister. The heart of his message is inspired by a passage from Job 19:25 "For I know that my Redeemer lives." We will sing only stanzas one through four, and eight. Please note how many times we sing the phrase "He Lives": seventeen times in just these five stanzas by my count! The tune **DUKE STREET** was composed by Englishman John Hatton, a Presbyterian who was born in Warrington, England, and who lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's in the township of Windle, Lancaster (or Lancashire).

**"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"** ELW 544 This hymn and its tune are a great example of a successful pairing of a contemporary text with a tune that was composed nearly three hundred years earlier. Howard C. A. Gaunt, (1902-1983) an Anglican priest and a schoolteacher, wrote this text and was first printed in *100 Hymns for Today* (London, 1969). The tune **ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN** ("With God's blessing is everything obtained") also ELW 589 "All Depends on Our Possessing" was composed by Johann Lohner (1645-1705) and was first penned as a vocal solo, with lots of ornamentation. Lohner wrote over three hundred songs like this one, for devotional use in the home.

## *This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar*

### **May 14, Matthias, Apostle**

After Christ's ascension, the apostles met in Jerusalem to choose a replacement for Judas. Matthias was chosen over Joseph Justus. Little is known about Matthias, and little is reported about him in the account of his election in Acts 1:15-26. Matthias traveled among the disciples from the beginning of Jesus' ministry until his ascension. According to apocryphal traditions, he is said to have preached in Ethiopia. Matthias' task, after he was enrolled among the eleven remaining disciples was to bear witness to the resurrection.

*Adapted from Sundays and Seasons*

## St. Mark's Prayer List

Susan Ginns, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marylin Stevens, Jerry Poplin, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Julie Dornberger, Angie Blackwelder Malone, Norma Alexander, Laura Elliott, Gene Ellington, Ken Foust, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa & Oakley Coburn, Ingrid Keiris, Shirley Larson, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Rachel Fulp, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests

([pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org](mailto:pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org))

### Readings for 5/18/2025

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

### Birthdays

5/12 Nanette Temple

5/12 Tracy Johnson

5/12 Sara Poplin

5/14 Madeline Lippert



*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 ([pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org](mailto:pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org))*

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