



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



APRIL 5, 2026

**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. No matter who you are or how you are, God loves you. With the women at the tomb, we are filled with joyful and grateful hearts as we go and tell the good news of God's endless love for all people.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

PUER NOBIS

Tune adapted by Michael Praetorius

Setting for brass choir, timpani and organ by David N. Johnson

Dressing of the Altar

Pastor Timothy McKenzie, Pastor Alexandra Rode

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; tr. 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.

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome

Temple Talk

Fellowship Hall Fundraiser

Cliff Edahl, Layton Campbell

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 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

“Lord, Have Mercy” from *Holy Communion Setting Three*

Jack Richardson, cantor

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of nine lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The music features a simple, melodic line with some phrasing slurs and rests.

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

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. *Final 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

Marty Schwartz, 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

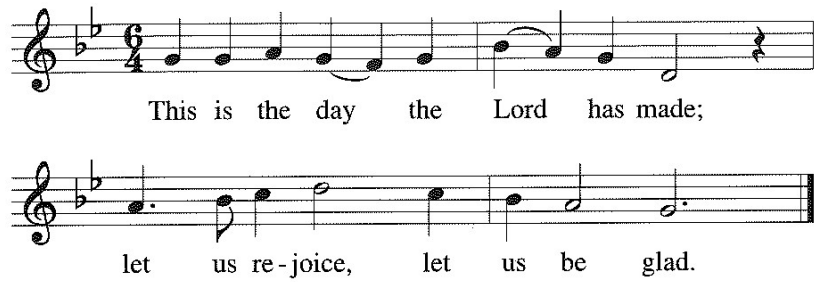
Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Musical setting by Richard Proulx

Nick Matherly, Madeline Phillips, Jack Richardson, Amy Woodall, cantors

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



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's love endures forevermore. So let the children of Israel say: God's love endures forevermore! R The Lord's right hand has triumph brought; the Lord's right hand has raised me up. I shall not die but I shall live, singing of all God's mighty deeds! R The stone the builders would not use has now become the cornerstone. Such wonders are the work of the Lord, and they are marvels in our sight! R

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Marty Schwartz, 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 the things that are above, not on the 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 Acclamation

“The Strife Is O’er” ELW 366 stanza one

VICTORY

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Koln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909; Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Begin with refrain:



1. The strife is o’er, the battle done; now is the victor’s triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthen, 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, for 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. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“Go and tell—He is risen!”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!” ELW 364 stanzas 1, 2 & 3

MFURANHINI, HALELUYA

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: 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!

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

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.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel the doubts and fears of people in every land, and renew the faith and hope of the church throughout the world that we might witness with love to you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light and life of Jesus' resurrection, and may we work together with you as faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, may the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and war hold sway, pour out your life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem the hearts of leaders in this and all nations to work for peace and justice throughout the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Shepherding God, like the women at the empty tomb, humanity continues to know grief and fear. Draw near with the life-giving strength and hope of the resurrection to all who live daily with sickness, addiction, and the nearness of death. Strengthen and heal our loved ones, especially, Bibba Whitener, James Watson, Sarah East, Phaedra & Scott Snow, Bill Bowden, Harry Kendrick, Kendal Turner, Rochelle Dagenhart, Janice Darnell, Pastor Glen Sea, Mark Barbee, Polly Needham, Mark Thornton, Tom Tolbert, Samuel Davis, Bob Roach, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Silvia Puky, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Gene Ellington, Tanner & Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Bonnie & Danye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa & Oakley Coburn, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us in Jesus Christ. Help us always to seek the things that are above, and we ask that you bless the ministries of this congregation to boldly witness to the Easter proclamation that God in Christ shows no partiality and lives raised for all people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for all who have lived and died in the faith, and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us with them, to the unending resurrection feast of your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of the resurrection, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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 “Christ Has Opened Paradise” Text by Charles Wesley
Setting for choir, brass, timpani and organ by David Ashley White

*Love’s redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won. Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ has opened paradise.
Lives again our glorious King; where, O death, is now thy sting? Once he died our souls to save, where thy victory, O grave?
Soar we now where Christ has led, foll’wing our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise,
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

Please stand as able.

Offertory *(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)*
“Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376 stanza one JUDAS MACCABAEUS

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

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!

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 Three*

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

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

"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.

"Meditation on 'I Know that My Redeemer Lives' from *Triptych for Easter Day*

Tune DUKE STREET by John Hatton; Setting for organ by John A. Behnke

Communion Anthem

“O Christ, Come and Dwell Within”

James Biery

O Chris, come and dwell within, O Christ, come and dwell within through this sacred mystery; we celebrate the memory of your holy Passion! Jesus' love enfolds our hearts. We receive your covenant of eternal glory. Alleluia.

O Christ, come and dwell within.

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

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!” ELW 369

LLANFAIR

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

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!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

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 (prayers); crucifer/acolyte: Riley Smith; lector: Marty Schwartz; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley; greeters: Eddie & Carol Goodall, Tom & Key Sehorn; communion assistants: John Simon, Chris Stevenson (2 more needed); communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Karen Feezor, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Brass Quintet: Don Tison, Courtney Wyatt, Trumpets; Judith Thompson, Horn; Brent Ballard, Scott Bailey, Trombones; Will Keith, Timpani; Amy Woodall, Madeline Phillips, Jack Richardson, Nick Matherly, cantors ; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Larry Dagenhart, Jr.; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Margaret Poplin; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Team C; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Evelyn Gerdes; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Charles & Susan Lakeman, Betsy Wenzel; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, A.J. Pridgen

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 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" in this broken and sinful world. Yet because this is the world God so loves, Jesus died and was raised that he might raise us with him to seek the things that are above, moving us from death to life. Daily, may you be freed from sin and death to seek the things that are above. In doing so, you will be able to lift others with the strength of Christ alive in you.

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

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God on this Easter Sunday by Joann and Cliff Edahl.

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, Cliff & Joann Edahl, Lowell Engelhard, Barbara Baker, Marcia Newlin, Tom & Judy Tolbert, David Thomason & Ted Seman, Larry Dagenhart, Jay & Amy Jacob, Paul Koehnke & Jay Norvell, Randall Darnell, Meg Fielding, AJ Pridgen & Christopher Miller, and Layton Campbell & Lester Ackerman.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 6, in celebration of Easter.

4/8 Love Circle 11 am.

5/11 Men's Group Meeting, 9 am

Our April Theology on Tap will be Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm at the Carolina Beer Temple,

The Ethnic Restaurant Group will dine at Cajun Queen Restaurant 1800 E 7th St, 28204) at 6:00 PM on April 21st to experience Louisiana cuisine. RSVP to Tom & Judy Tolbert by midnight on April 17th

The St. Mark's Book Group will meet on Thursday, April 23, at 10 am in the large conference room and via Zoom. Our study this month is *A Calamity of Souls* by David Baldacci. All are welcome to join us in delving into this intriguing study. Contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert for more information.

4/26 Congregation BBQ Lunch following 10:30 service. Let's finish the Renovation!

4/26 Queen City Ringers Concert 5 pm "A Brighter Tomorrow"



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 other 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.



2026 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.

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.

Social Ministry

NOURISH UP April Showers Bring Pantry Power! Help our shelves bloom this month with:

- Canned meat – tuna, chicken, salmon
- Canned fruit (in juice or no sugar added)
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Pasta – canned or boxed
- Whole grain cereal

(Pop top cans would be appreciated - no can opener needed)

Your donations help our neighbors weather the storm.

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 pm; Wednesday nights "Just the Basics", 7:30 pm; & Thursday nights "Not a Glum Lot", 6:30 pm; "SLAA" meets in Room 106: Thursdays at 6:30 pm; Fridays women only at 6 pm & Saturday mornings 10:30 am.

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 6, Albrecht Dürer, (1471-1528); Matthias Grünewald, (c.1470-1529); Lucas Cranach, (c.1472-1553), artists

These great German artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

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

Elizabeth (Bibba) Whitener, James Watson, Sarah East, Phaedra & Scott Snow, Bill Bowden, Harry Kendrick, Kendal Turner, Rochelle Dagenhart, Janice Darnell, Pastor Glen Sea, Mark Barbee, Mark Thornton, Polly Needham, Tom Tolbert, Samuel Davis, Bob Roach, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Silvia Puky, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Gene Ellington, Tanner & Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye & Bonnie Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa & Oakley Coburn, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests

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Readings for 4/12/2026 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Birthdays

4/6 William Jacob

4/8 Lou Feola

4/10 Alan Harms

4/11 Clayton Wall



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)

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