

He has been raised.

MARK 16:6



Rejoice!

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

**March 31, 2024
Resurrection of Our Lord
Order of Worship**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“ Christ Arose! ”

St. Mark's Handbell Choir

**** INVOCATION**

***Stand*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

**** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: God is good! All the time!

C: All the time! God is good!

L: God's steadfast love endures forever.

C: Even death and the grave cannot stop it!

L: Jesus lives!

C: God has become our salvation!

L: We are an Easter people.

C: Alleluia is our song!

L: The stone that the builders rejected

C: Has become the cornerstone.

L: This is God's doing.

C: We cannot begin to comprehend it.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Christ is Risen

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“ Jesus Christ Is Risen Today ”

No. 365

**** 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.

Christ is Risen.
He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

**** CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

“ Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia ” vs. 1

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us Pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “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.”

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.
This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**** GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Omholt

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 361

"The Day of Resurrection"

**** NICENE CREED**

**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**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith (*name/s may be spoken here*) and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death (*especially John Donne and all whose ministry in the arts inspired generations to faith*). Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Easter! – Christ the Lord is Risen Today ”

** OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

** OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

** GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

** PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

**** 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.

LAMB OF GOD

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord's table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" No. 389
- "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" No. 366

**** TABLE BLESSING**

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

**** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Nunc Dimittus



Now, Lord, you let your ser- vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre-



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo- ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is - ra - el.

**** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

**** BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 382

“ Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! ”

**** DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Brass Choir

“ The Trumpet Shall Sound ” by Handel

St. Mark’s Mission Statement

“United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God’s love.”

Church Calendar March 31, 2024 – April 7, 2024

- Today** **Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter**
 - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
 - with Holy Communion
- Monday** - **Office Closed**
- Tuesday** - Yoga at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Handbell Quartet Practice at 6:00 p.m.
- Handbell Practice at 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday** **St. Mark’s Hymn Sing**
 - Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m. with Don Coble
 - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
 - with Holy Baptism

Serving Today

- Acolyte: Taylor Kitzmiller-Bosley
- Lector: Millard Minor
- Music Directors: Debi and Sean Beachy
- Organist: Mike Broderick
- Brass Choir: Joey Orr, Trumpet, Joe Ashby, Trumpet,
Al Preston, Trombone, Don Sincell, Trombone
- Recording: Renate Brown
- Safekeeper: Phyllis Rinker
- Ushers: Terry Savage, Capt,
Carol Savage, Terry Helbig, Donna Swift



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given by Karen Myers in memory of family whose birthdays were in April – Tom Myers, Norma Frazee, Edw. Gene Frazee, Patricia Frantz



Prayer Requests

Illness: Marjorie Yellets, Anita Scheffel, Jeremy Lewis, Joy, Suzanne Roszell, Samantha, Gary, Thomas Lewis, Mary Ellen Lewis, Kay Royce, the Royal UK family, Viola Bennett

Special Needs: Ray Mattingly, Fay Reniker, Joshua, Dennis

****Please let the office know when names on these lists can be removed.**

Upcoming Events

Today, March 31

Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 7

Spring Hymn Sing Service at 10 a.m.
With Holy Baptism

Sunday, April 14

Farm to Table to Trash after worship
with Mary & Marty Reisinger

Announcements

Directory Update

We are working on updating the directory, so if you have any changes or would like to include an updated photo, please send it to Ellda. If you haven't filled out a members contact form within the last year, please find one in the narthex. If you don't have access or don't remember how to get into the online directory, please reach out to Ellda.

Easter Hymn Sing at St. Mark's

On the second Sunday of Easter, April 7, St. Mark's will have a good old-fashioned hymn sing as part of the 10 a.m. worship service. There will be a Name That Tune during the Prelude! How good are you naming some old favorites?

Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of St. Mark's?

Another new member class will be forming in May. If you are interested in becoming a member or if you have questions about St. Mark's, please contact Pastor Tom or Vicar Carrie.



Easter Flower Dedications

In Honor of my Beloved Father, Lawrence, by Beverly Barb
In Glory that Jesus has Risen, Jesus has Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!!, by Ellda Bennett
In Honor of Grandparents, Mawmaw and Papaw Wilhelm, by the Bennett Kids
In Memory of Grandparents, Nan & Pap Bennett, by the Bennett Kids
In Celebration of great grandson, Calvin Samuels, by Judy Bertsch
In Memory of Loved Ones, by Judy Bertsch
In Memory of Bear, by Jake & Sandy Blamble
In Memory of their moms and dads, by Jake & Sandy Blamble
In Loving Memory of Shirley K. Exline, by Ken & Janis Bush
In Loving Memory of John and Gladys Lauer, by Ken & Janis Bush
In Honor of Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren, by Bob & Betsy Dempsey
In Loving Memory of Paul E. DeWitt, by Emelee DeWitt
In Memory of Emerson Frazee, by Betty Frazee
He Has Risen!, by Nan Gangler
In Memory of Loved Ones, by Jeff & Liz Gilbert
In Loving Memory of Jay & Ada Maffett, by Jeff & Janet Gregory
In Honor of Abby, Riley, & Eddie, by Justin Gregory
In Honor of Annlee and Bodee Howe, by David & Carrie Hoff
To the Glory of God and the Risen Christ, by David & Carrie Hoff
In Loving Memory of Family & Friends, by David & Carrie Hoff
In Memory of Barbara Bachtel and Jennifer Bachtel, by Peggy Jamison
In Honor of Mommy and Mama, by Taylor Kitzmiller-Bosley
When you find yourself lost in darkness, remember to search for the Light of God. Hold tight to your Faith. May you find Peace. Have Hope. An most of all, surround yourself in Love – that of Family and Friends, by Jeremy, Dawn & Hank Lewis

In Memory of Henry & Hester Lewis and Willard & Mary Elliott, by Paul & Liz Lewis
In Honor of Hank Lewis and Madison Kenny, by Paul & Liz Lewis
Dedicated to a Friend recovering from a stroke, by Don & Debra McCombs
In Memory of her parents, Harvey “Hub” & Nellie Swartzentruber, by Dee Moyer
In Loving Memory of her husband, Jerry Moyer, by Dee Moyer
In Memory of Lowell & Wilda Kelly, by Jim Murray & Renate Brown
In Memory of Allen & Joan Murray, by Jim Murray & Renate Brown
In Memory of Steve Murray, by Jim Murray & Renate Brown
In Memory of Tom Brown, by Jim Murray & Renate Brown
In Memory of Loved Ones, by Tom & Barbara Omholt
In Honor of Our St. Mark’s Family, by Monty & Nancy Pagenhardt
In Loving Memory of Our Parents, by Ed & Dawn Panther
In Loving Memory of Our Special Friend, Sue Liller, by Ed & Dawn Panther
In Loving Memory of My Parents, by Susan Peterson
In Honor of My Brother, by Susan Peterson
His Many Blessings, by Dawn Scheffel
In Honor of our Grandsons, Jacob and Caleb of Solon, Oh, by Carl & Shirley Spiker
In Loving Memory of for all of our family members who have gone on to glory, by Donna Swift
Love and Praise to our Grandchildren, Athena & Micah. Grandad & Gramma love you!, by Donna Swift

