

# Christ is Risen



St Mark's Lutheran Church  
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**April 5, 2026**  
**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**  
**Order of Worship**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

St. Mark's Handbell Choir

*“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”*

**\*\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

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

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God!

**C: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 365

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

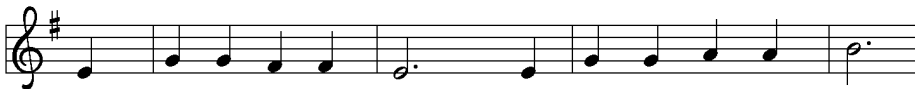
**\*\* GREETING**

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!**

**\*\* KYRIE**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

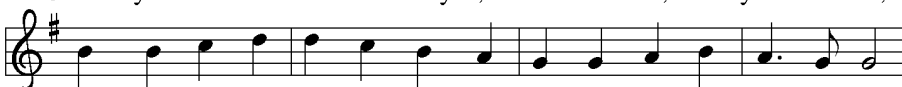


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

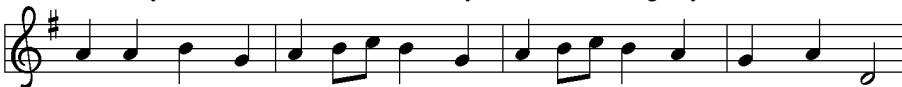
**\*\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.  
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*\* 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: Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

## 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)*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD. R**

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

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

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

## SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how 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. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> He 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## \*\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*\* GOSPEL: John 28:1-18**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Carrie Hoff

**\*\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 369

*“ Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia ”*

**\*\* 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** *(Please be seated)*

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 our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in 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 of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain (*especially*). Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"*

### \*\* OFFERTORY HYMN

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

### \*\* OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **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.**

**\*\* COMMUNION SONG**



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.*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“ Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing ”  
“ The Day of Resurrection ”*

No. 389  
No. 361

**\*\* TABLE BLESSING**

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

**\*\* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



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. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**\*\* 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**

No. 382

*"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"*

**\*\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God... We Will!**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Thine Is the Glory"*

by Handel/Lani Smith

## St. Mark's Mission Statement

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

### Church Calendar April 5, 2026 – April 12, 2026

- Today** Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day  
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
- with Holy Communion
- Monday** - Office Closed
- Wednesday** - Bell Choir at 6:30 p.m.  
- Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday** Easter Hymn Sing  
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
- Easter Fellowship after worship

### Serving Today

Acolyte:	Nick Bennett
Lector:	Nicole Bosley
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Co-Directors of Music:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Brass Quartet:	Joe Ashby, Al Preston, Don Sincell, Joey Orr
Recording:	Stephanie Berger
Communion Pourers:	Ruth & Eilda Bennett
Communion Clean-up:	Ken & Janis Bush
Safe Keeper:	Liz Lewis
Flower Delivery:	Phyllis Rinker & Dee Moyer
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, Capt. Liz Lewis, Dave Hoff, Bob Dempsey

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Altar Flowers

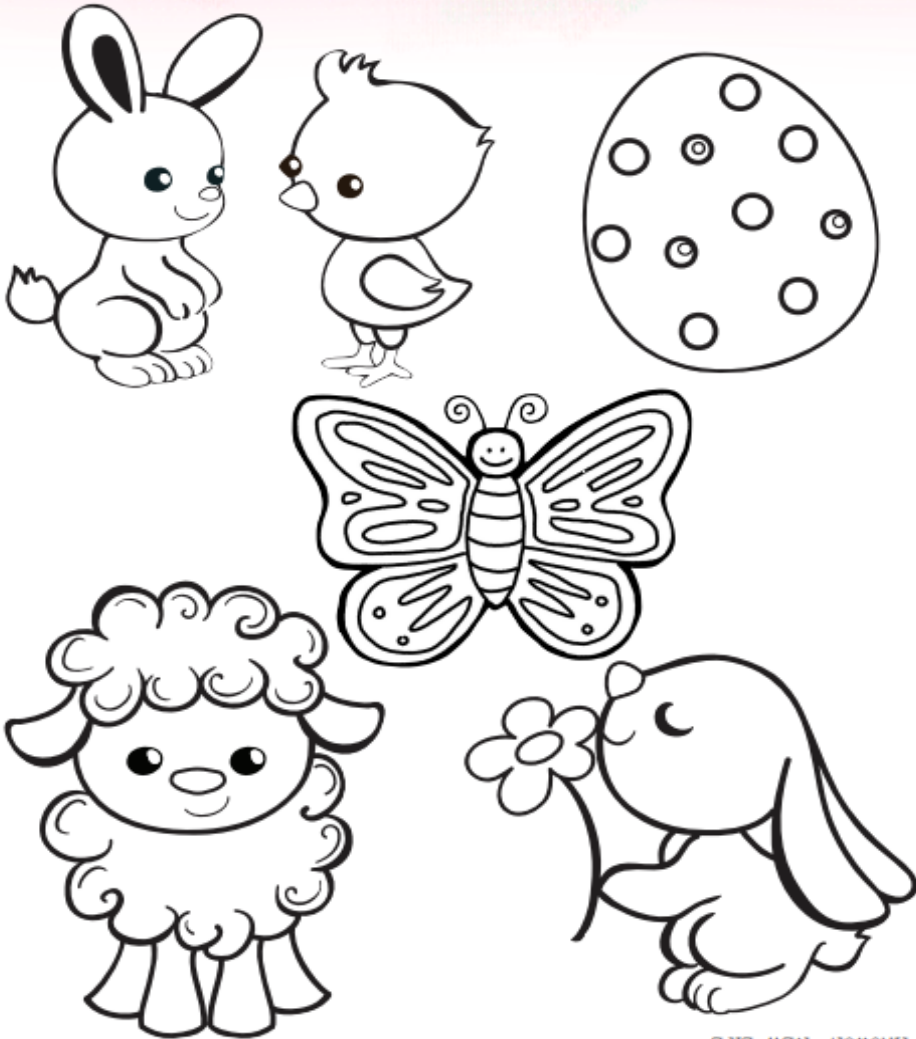
The altar flowers are dedicated today by the Church Staff,  
to the Glory of God and in honor of our faithful congregation!

## Draw & Color

What do all the items below have in common?

Unscramble the words to reveal the answer.

All these things are symbols of ENW FELI.



Answer: #NEW LIFE



Today's Easter flowers are given:

In memory of Larry "Bo" Anderson, by Joyce Anderson

To the Glory of Christ who has risen today, Alleluia!, by the Bennett Kids

In memory of Nan and Pap Bennett, by the Bennett Kids

In honor of Mawmaw & Papaw Wilhelm, by the Bennett Kids

To the Glory of God and in Honor of Loved Ones, by Judy Bertsch

In honor of Joyce Chaney, by Christine Cropp

In honor of our children and grandchildren, by Bob & Betsy Dempsey

In loving memory of Emerson Frazee, by Betty Frazee

In loving memory of family and friends who have passed away,  
by Liz & Jeff Gilbert

In honor of my grandchildren, by Nan Gangler

In honor of Annlee Howe, by Pastor Carrie & Dave Hoff

In honor of Bodee Howe, by Pastor Carrie & Dave Hoff

In memory of Barbara Bachtel, by Gayle Bachtel & Peggy Jamison

In memory of Eileen Jamison, by Peggy Jamison & Gayle Bachtel

In memory of Betty Ann Davis, by Kathy Johnson

In memory of Helen Kinzy, by Joanne Kinzy

In honor of our grandchildren, Hank Lewis and Madison Kenny,  
by Paul & Liz Lewis

In memory of our parents, Henry & Hester Lewis; and Willard & Mary  
Elliott, by Paul & Liz Lewis

Christ is Risen Today. Alleluia! By Debbie McCombs

In memory of Hub & Nellie Swartzentruber, by Dee Moyer

In memory of Jerry & Kevin Moyer, by Dee Moyer

In memory of W. Thomas Myers, Jr., by Karen Myers

In memory of Gene & Joyce Frazee, by Karen Myers

In memory of John & Barbara Hatch, by Karen Myers

In honor of my children and grandchildren, by Karen Myers

In loving memory of Ray Ponceroff, by Barb & Nick Ponceroff

In memory and honor of all our loved ones, by Don & Suzie Sincell

In honor of our grandchildren: Athena, Micah & Logan, love Gramma &  
Grandad Swift, by Michael & Donna Swift





## Prayer Requests

**Illness:** Emelee DeWitt, Helen Ferrell, Valerie Minor, Viola, Josh Wilhelm, Tom Bittinger, Dorothee Bittinger, Peter, Jerry Gank, Robert Hodges, Ava, Connie Leary, Emily, Marie, Joyce Chaney, Debbie, Bill & Diana Bachtel, Sig Blamble, Norma, Joe, Kimmie, Abe, Angie, Fred Meyer, baby Davis Wilson who is recovering from heart surgery, Tom Bingham, Senta Heinrich, Mary, Eric, Jeff Gilbert, Marylynn

**Special Needs:** Chase, Jeremy Lewis, Bil McGahn, Debra Lohman, Michael, Family of Becky Preston, Christine Chaney, Autumn and Jordan, Bravo, Erina, Miss Ann Collins, Shania, Audrey Kennedy

## Upcoming Events

### **Today**

Easter Sunday

### **Tomorrow**

Church Office Closed

### **Sunday, April 12**

Easter Hymn Sing  
Easter Fellowship after Worship

### **Sunday, April 19**

Wellness Walk and Clean-up after Worship

### **Sunday, April 26**

Blessing of Prayer Shawls and Blankets  
Garrett County Band Concert



## April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday John 20:1-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Risen God, you call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.*  
(John 20:18)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

While the other disciples came, saw, and left, Mary remained to be still and grieve. It was into this stillness that the angels came, and then Jesus himself appeared.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **What traditions will you celebrate today? What do they mean for you and your family and friends?**
- **How has Jesus shocked or surprised you? If you need a surprise or miracle, ask God for one. Be open to God's response.**
- **For the littles: What is your favorite Easter tradition? How does it remind you of the blessing of Jesus?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the God of resurrection bring you new life. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Carry your traditions throughout the entire week. If you eat deviled eggs on Easter, eat them all week long. If you hunt for Easter eggs, look for eggs all week. If you sit down to a family meal, have family meals all week.**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Ex. 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Col. 3:5-11

Tuesday, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17

Wednesday, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10

Thursday, Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5

Friday, Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Saturday, Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20

# Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Here are a few things to help you feel comfortable in our space and more fully participate in worship. If you have questions at any time, our ushers will be happy to help.

## Restrooms

- A first-floor restroom is available. Facing the pulpit, use the door to the left, enter the church office, and the restroom is located on the right.
- Restrooms and water fountains are also available downstairs. From the back of the sanctuary (narthex), take the steps downstairs, turn right into Fellowship Hall, restrooms are on the right and the water fountain is on the left.

## Accessibility & Comfort

- Our bulletins contain the order of worship so you can easily follow along. You are invited to participate in the liturgy in areas indicated in bold and hymns can be found in the red hymnal.
- If standing during worship is uncomfortable, please feel free to remain seated.
- Hearing assistance devices and large-print bulletins are available—please ask an usher.

## Visitors

- If you are visiting, we invite you to sign the guest registry located on the stand near the front doors or fill out a visitor envelope found in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate.
- If you or someone you know is in need of an extra prayer, please fill out a card in the pew back in front of you, and an usher will be by during the prelude to collect it.

## Children

- Children's worship bags are available in the narthex. You are welcome to pick one up for your child(ren).

## Electronics

- Please silence or turn off cell phones and electronic devices so that all may focus on worship.

## Holy Communion

- If Holy Communion is celebrated today, please know that all are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available on the side tables and wine will be poured from the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Thank you for worshiping with us today—we are glad you are here.

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## ***WELCOME***

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