

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Service of the Word – Now the Feast Setting

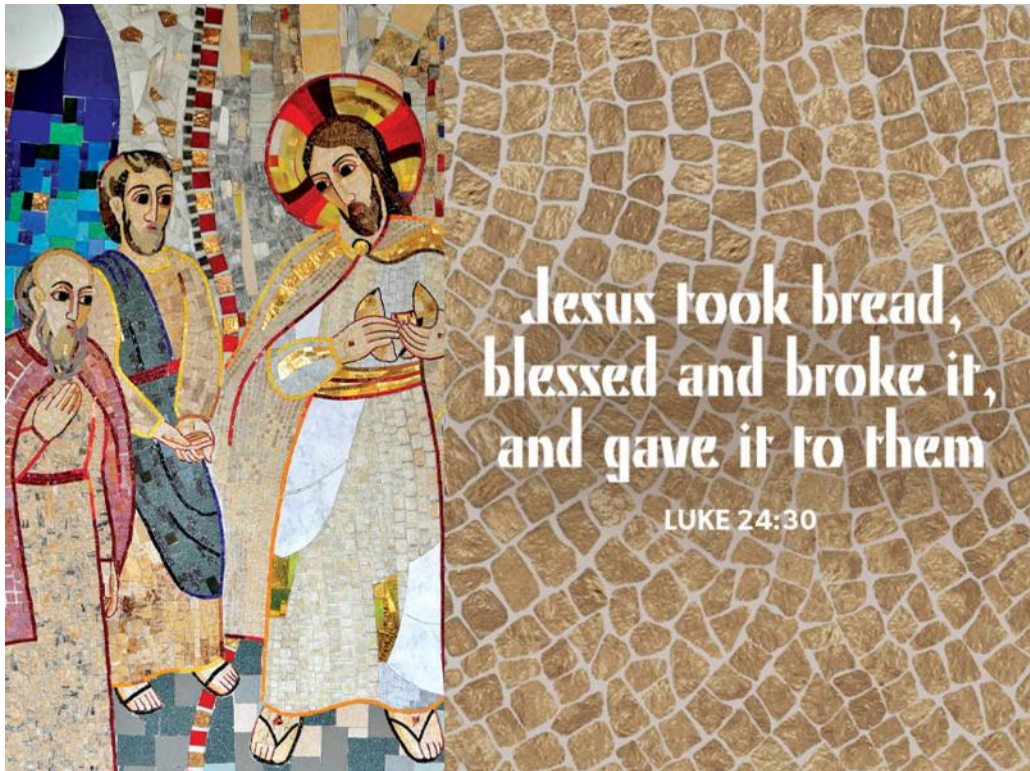


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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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GATHERING

+Easter Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ has risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

+Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C **Amen.**

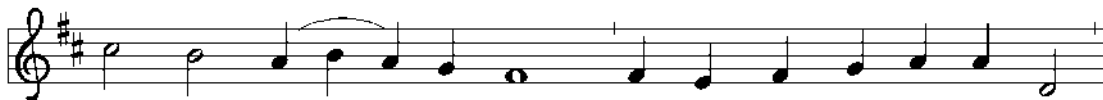
Gathering Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (verses 1-4, 7)

ELW 362



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengesang*, 1566

+Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P = Pastor, A = Assistant, C = Congregation

ELW = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal ACS = *All Creation Sings* hymnal

“+” in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

+Kyrie

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

to Verses

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

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+Hymn of Praise

Refrain (may be sung continuously)

Congregation:



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

to Verses

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+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world.

C **Amen.**

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

+Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

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+Gospel ♦ Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen in-

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deed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kinna Kemp

We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

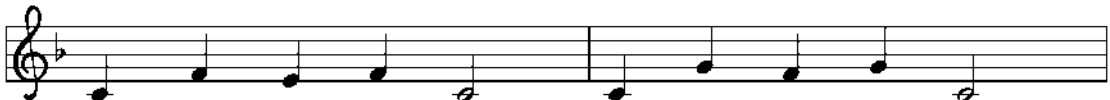
Hymn of the Day



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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+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

Assisting Minister: Hear us, O God.

Congregation: **Your mercy is great.**

+Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

THANKSGIVING

+Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+Thanksgiving for the Word

P Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C **Amen.**

+Lord's Prayer

P Let us live and pray together the prayer Our Lord taught us:

**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.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

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+Sending Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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+Dismissal

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Alleluia!
C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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Announcements

Visitors, welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! The Welcome packet in the pew is for you. It has information about our faith community and the many ways we support our local community. Feel free to take it home and come back to worship with us again. For more information, call the church office at 303-366-9702 or email admin@stmarksaurora.org.

SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME & EXPENSES			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
March, 2023			
<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Income	\$12,962.17	Total Income	\$45,677.20
Total Expenses	-\$17,465.36	Total Expenses	-\$50,860.73
Net Income	-\$4,503.19	Net Income	-\$5,183.53
BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING			
<u>Monthly Budget Amount</u>	<u>Actual Current Month</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>	<u>Actual Year to Date</u>
\$12,346.39	\$7,632.33	\$37,039.17	\$26,739.99
Over/Under Budget	-\$4,714.06		-\$10,299.18

Weekly Enews If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list.

This Week at St. Mark's (April 23–30, 2023)

Today 4/23:	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. Youth Group – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Sanctuary – 4 p.m.
Monday 4/24:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/25:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting – West Room – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 4/26:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Thursday 4/27:	Coffee, Conversation, and Prayer – Zoom – 9:30–10 a.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Quilters – West Room – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Casa de Oración Music Practice – West Room – 7–9 p.m.
Friday 4/28:	Food Pantry Open – Center Room – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Prayer Service – Sanctuary – 7–9 p.m.
Saturday 4/29:	Seventh Day Adventist Worship – Sanctuary – 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday 4/30:	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Worship – at Holy Love Lutheran Church – 9:30 a.m. Youth Group – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración Worship – Sanctuary – 4 p.m.

Save the Date: April 30: Joint worship at Holy Love Lutheran with blessing of Mary Stephenson's coming retirement
May 7: Receive new members/
Congregational Meeting

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the 'Recent concerns' list for four Sundays.

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, & concerns:

Bob Gunther (*hospitalization for pneumonia and sepsis*)
Dawn Tesoro's father Phil and his wife Pat (*friends of Chris Prillwitz, Phil's hospitalized for weakness and blood infection*)
Chris Prillwitz (*spiritual and physical health*)
Lou Martell (*hospitalization*)

For homebound members & friends:

Carol Bath Joan Chambers
Chris Elbert Dawn Hines
James & Marie Hughes
Wilma Langford
Christel Loftesness
Dorothy Parker Irene Seelmeyer
Alice Thurlow Vernita Wild

For the faithful departed and those who mourn:

Family of Erwin Gebers (*friend of church*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

Kevin Gustafson (*recovery from hospitalization, pain*) Michael DeLong (*recovering from RSV, pneumonia*)
Julie Smith (*Feller's daughter, rrecovery from emoval of tumor behind ear*) Diane Ratliff (*hip surgery recovery*)
Ron (*The Jensen's friend, skin cancer*) Linda Russell (*Elaine Stanger's sister, breast & bone cancer*)
Sharon (*Kinna Kemp's great aunt, heart health*) Julie Bays (*Sara Jensen's friend, Alzheimer's*)
Karen Arensen (*foot injury, kidney FMD*) Sandy Day (*pain, health, kidney infection, foot fractures*)
Hugo Redlin (*health*) Dina Hammerand (*Susan Saengling's cousin, cancer*)
Patrick Stephenson (*metastazied cancer*) Nancy (*Dorie Gerhardt's sister, health*)
Horacio Rentería (*Arteriovenous Malformation in brain*) Anastasia and family (*friend of Chris Prillwitz*) and all Ukrainian refugees
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health*) Darlene Feller (*Karl's sister-in-law, cancer*)
Alec (*Joan Gustafson's relative, recovery from seizures*) Doug Benson (*health*)
Julie Ann Zamora (*friend of church, shoulder surgery*) Jean Rose (*health/pain management*)
Jean (*Jackie Kirk's sister, dementia*) Jeff Martin (*health*)
Ramona Gomez (*Leo Bañuelos' grandmother, health*) Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)
Anne Barger (*recovering from heart surgery*) Gene (*Joan Gustafson's son-in-law, partial paralysis*)
Ron Fogg (*health*) Ollie Daniels (*pain/breathing issues*)
 Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)

In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.

If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/update.

Assisting with Worship:

Preaching	Kinna Kemp
Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	Abi Napitupulu
Lector	Karen Arensen
Acolyte	OHANA Youth
Usher	Ellie Weaver
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Laura Garcia Villalpando
Cameras	Mary Katherine Smith

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You may give electronically, via [Tithe.ly](http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely), at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely> or by scanning this QR code:



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Important Information About St. Mark's

Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Office: 303-366-9702

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Youth & Family Minister: Kinna Kemp

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St. Mark's Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Arapahoe, Lipan Apache, Ute, Cheyenne, and Dakota peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.