

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

Service of Holy Communion – ELW Setting 4

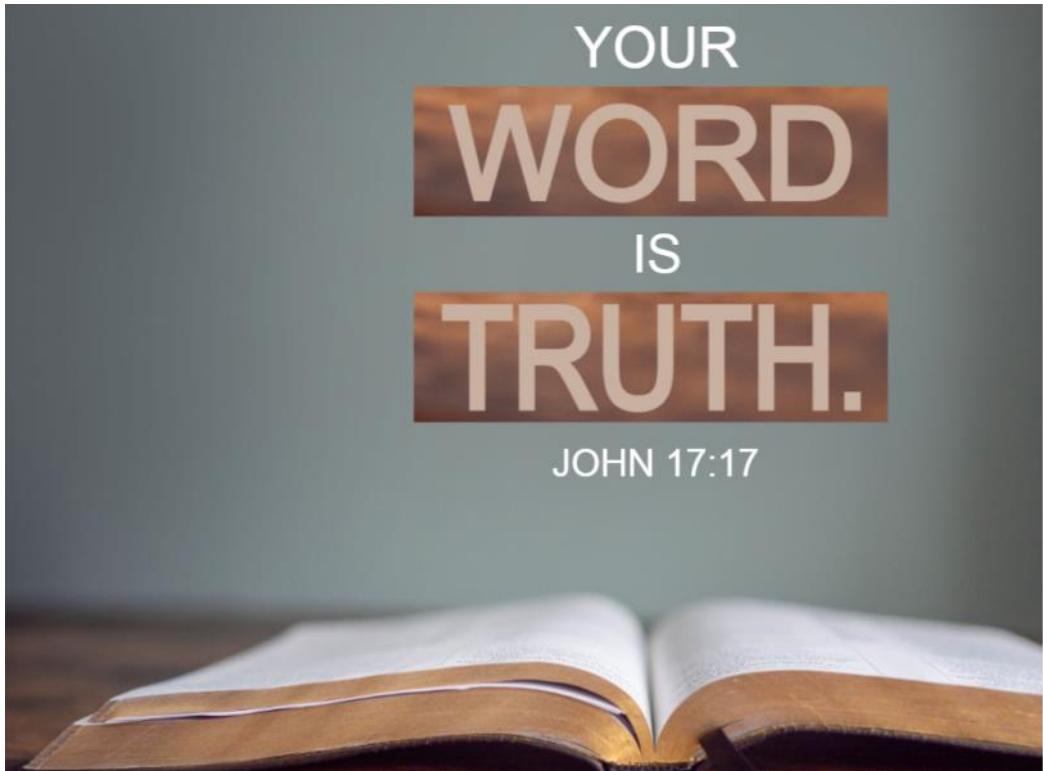


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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA
Called by the Holy Spirit. Equipped to serve. Sent to love all!

GATHERING

+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, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P = Pastor, A = Assistant, C = Congregation
ELW = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal
“+” in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn

God is Here

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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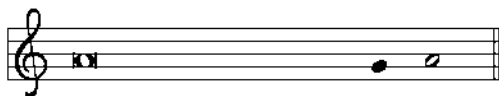
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+Greeting

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.

+Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



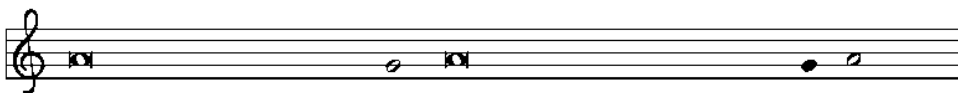
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



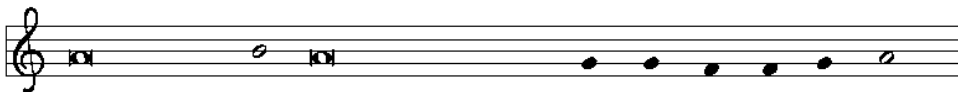
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

+Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

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might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed

and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Scripture ♦ 1 John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+Gospel ♦ John 17:6–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

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

[Jesus prayed:] “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Michael Mortvedt

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

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655



- 1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace.



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

+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: God of grace,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

+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.

MEAL

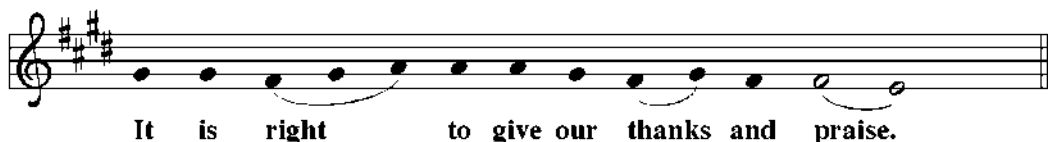
+Offertory Prayer

A 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.

C Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving



+Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+Sanctus



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

+Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God...
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup...
...Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us ...
...burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones,...
...holy Trinity, now and forever

C Amen.

+Lord's Prayer

P We 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.**

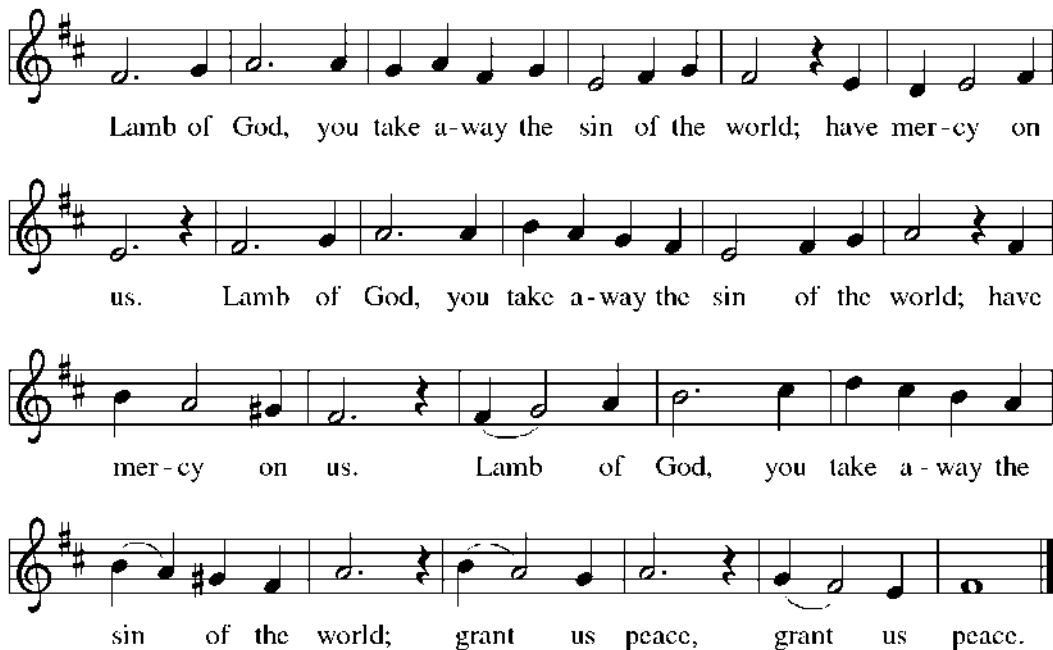
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

Thine The Amen

ELW 826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Communion Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

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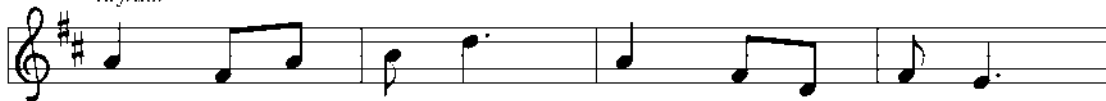


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915. alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME. William B. Bradbury. 1816–1868

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW 855



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— he - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own,
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMAIA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

+Dismissal

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



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim and Karen Aarsen in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary and by the Stephensons in honor of all mothers on this special day; they especially recognize their mothers in heaven, Dorothy Haugen and Luci Stephenson.

If you wish to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special occasion, please sign up on the calendar outside the library. Questions? contact Marlis Feller or the church office.

This Week at St. Mark's (May 12–19, 2024)

Today 5/12:	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> Mother's Day Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. OHANA's Mother's Day Brunch & Raffle – Fellowship Hall – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Fellowship Hall – 4 p.m.
Monday 5/13:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 5/14:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m. Congregational Council Meeting – Library – 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting – West Room – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/15:	Zumba Class – Outside (a.m.)/Fellowship Hall (p.m.) – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Funeral – Sanctuary – 9–11 a.m. Bible Study – Zoom – 10 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Prayer Service – Sanctuary – 7–9 p.m.
Thursday 5/16:	Quilters – West Room – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Coffee, Conversation, and Prayer – Zoom – 9:30–10 a.m. Ephesians Bible Study – Library – 7 p.m. Casa de Oración Music Practice – West Room – 7–9 p.m.
Friday 5/17:	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 5/18:	Seventh Day Adventist Worship – Sanctuary – 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday 5/19:	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Fellowship Hall – 4 p.m.

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:

Jim Arensen (*thyroid biopsy May 13*)
Susan Saeugling (*recovery from back injury*)
Jim (*Bernette Douin's son, surgery recovery*)
Russell Carpenter (*Janet Pethan's nephew, hospitalized for infection*)
Barbara Hudson (*Janet Pethan's sister, breathing troubles*)
Maria Kang (*Laura Garcia's friend, colon cancer*)
Pastor Margot Wright (*cancer*)
Paige Simpson (*Laura Garcia's friend, accident recovery*)
Patrick Stephenson (*kidney issues, metastasized cancer*)

For homebound members & friends:

Carol Bath Joan Chambers
Chris Elbert Wilma Langford
Velma Larson Christel Loftesness
Dorothy Parker Irene Seelmeyer
Alice Thurlow Vernita Wild

For the faithful departed and those who mourn:

Family of Edward 'Skip' Koehler (*Jean Rose's brother, Kathy Clevenger's uncle*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

Everett Stevens (*friend of Joan Gustafson's great grand-son, lymphoma*)
Margo (*Andrea Stephenson's mother, fractured hip*)
Pr. Barb Lemke (*broken kneecap*)
Frances Clark (*Gwen Riggs' aunt, cancer surgery*)
Christel Loftesness (*hip replacement recovery*)
Ollie Daniels (*breathing issues; ongoing pain*)
Luis Chávez (*brother of Laura Garcia's friend, cancer, hospice*)
Chris Prillwitz (*knee replacement recovery, spiritual & physical health*)
Sandy Day (*ongoing pain & health issues*)
Kevin Gustafson (*knee replacement recovery, chronic pain*)
Doug Benson (*health*)
Christina Duncan (*Norma's daughter-in-law, cancer*)
Sara Jensen (*knee replacement recovery*)
Karen Arensen (*health*)
Dawn Tesoro's father Phil (*friends of Chris Prillwitz, health issues*)
Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health, safety in Israel*)
Melanie and her family (*OHANA Youth*)
Michelle Anderson Arguello (*Roxanne Knutson's cousin, oral cancer*)
Ken Barger (*injured ligament in left hand*)
Jerry (*Sandy Day's brother, health*)
Mary Ann Dominguez (*health*)
Alicia Jerrup (*Mary Katherine Smith's friend, thyroid cancer*)
Roxanne and Becky Knutson
Horacio Rentería (*arteriovenous malformation in brain*)
Aitza (Sandra) Gonzalez Tapia & sisters Karen and Adamaris (*justice in courts*)
Julie Smith (*Feller's daughter, rrecovery from emoval of tumor behind ear*)
Hugo Redlin (*health*)
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health*)
Jean (*Jackie Kirk's sister, dementia*)
Ron Fogg (*health*)
Linda Russell (*Elaine Stanger's sister, breast & bone cancer*)
Anastasia and family (*friend of Chris Prillwitz*) and all Ukrainian refugees
Jean Rose (*health/pain management*)
Jeff Martin (*health*)
Gene (*Joan Gustafson's son-in-law, partial paralysis*)

Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Mortvedt
Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	Susan Tami Whitcomb
Lector	Susan Tami Whitcomb
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson Arturo Sales
Communion Assistants:	_ & _
Usher	_
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Laura Garcia Villalpando
Cameras	Mary Katherine Smith

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Called by the Holy Spirit. Equipped to serve. Sent to love all!

Important Information About St. Mark's

Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Office: 303-366-9702

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OHANA Youth Group Directors:

Roberto Tello Molina & Laura Garcia Villalpando

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