

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Service of Holy Communion –ELW Setting 8



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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

WELCOME! It is good to be together for worship today.

–We ask all in attendance to please sign in on the clipboard by the front door as this helps our office with attendance record keeping. If you are a visitor, please also complete one of our blue welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher, as we want to come to know you better.

–We stand quite often during our service; please feel free to remain seated as necessary.

–**Worship Aids:** Please ask an usher if you need a listening device to assist with hearing the service, or a large-print bulletin for those with reduced vision. We also have special earbuds, that work with the TimeKettle app you can install on your phone for free, to translate the service into other languages; we have simple bulletins in Spanish too.

–**Bibles:** There are Bibles in every pew; the translation in the pew (Good News) is different from what is printed in the bulletin and read by the lector (NRSVu), and the contrast can be interesting.

–**Offering:** Those who wish to give cash or check donations are invited to secure your gift in an offering envelope (please provide at least your name on the envelope) and place the envelope in the collection plate located at the back of the sanctuary as we enter. If you wish to wait to give following the service, a second collection plate will remain in the back following the bringing forth of the offerings during the service.

You may also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely

or by scanning this QR code:



–**Holy Communion** is the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ given with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sin and strengthening of faith. The Lord welcomes all to the Table. All visitors are welcome at the Lord's Table. Grape juice (white) and gluten-free wafers are available. We also provide pre-packaged communion sets, available at the entry to the church, for those who prefer a reduced contact experience.

All who proceed to the railing for communion are encouraged to make use of the available hand sanitizer to help us keep each other healthy.

–All are invited for coffee and fellowship after worship.

–Please turn off or silence your cell phones during worship. Thank you!

GATHERING

+Easter Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

C Amen!

+Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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

P 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.

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

P 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.

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

P 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.

C 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.

C Amen.

+Gathering Hymn

Guide My Feet (sung call-and-response style)

ACS 987



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

P = Pastor, V = Vicar, 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

+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

ELW S184, pp. 184–185

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Verses are sung by the Leader.

+Hymn of Praise

ELW S187, pp. 187–188

♪ **Refrain:** This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might by to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. ♪

+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

See first page of May 3 Celebrate

C **Amen.**

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Acts 7:55–60

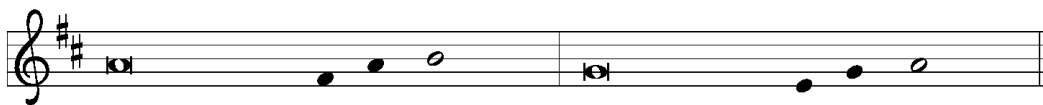
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L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

See second page of May 3 Celebrate; chanted responsively, no refrain



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Second Scripture ♦ 1 Peter 2:2–10

See third page of May 3 Celebrate

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+Gospel Acclamation

ELW S188, p. 188

♪ Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. ♪

+Gospel ♦ John 14:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14^{xx} chapter.

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

See third page of May 3 Celebrate

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

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (vv. 1–3)

ELW 367

+Nicene Creed

Please feel welcome to recite in the language of your preference.

Credo Niceno

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.

Creemos en un solo Dios Padre
todopoderoso,
creador de cielo y tierra, de todo
lo visible y lo invisible
Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,
Hijo único de Dios,
nacido del Padre antes de todos
los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz,
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,
engendrado, no creado,
de la misma naturaleza que el
Padre, por quien todo fue hecho;
que por nosotros y por nuestra
salvación bajó del cielo,
y por obra del Espíritu Santo
se encarnó de María, la Virgen,
y se hizo hombre;
y por nuestra causa fue
crucificado en tiempos de
Poncio Pilato;
padeció y fue sepultado,

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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.

y resucitó al tercer día,
según las escrituras,
y subió al cielo,
y está sentado a la derecha del
Padre;
y de nuevo vendrá con gloria
para juzgar a vivos y muertos,
y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor
y dador de vida,
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,
que con el Padre y el Hijo
recibe una misma adoración y
gloria

y que habló por los profetas.

Creemos en la iglesia,
que es una, santa, católica, y
apostólica.

Reconocemos un solo bautismo
para el perdón de los pecados.

Esperamos la resurrección de los
muertos y la vida del mundo
venidero. Amén.

+Prayers of Intercession

See last page of May 3 Celebrate

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

+Peace

P The peace of Christ.

C And also with you.

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

Peace be with you.

MEAL

+Offertory Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (v. 4)

ELW 367

+Offertory Prayer

A 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,
C Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you
C **And also with you**
P Lift up your hearts
C **We lift them to the Lord**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

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

+Sanctus

ELW S190, p. 190

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory,
Hosana, hosana, hosana in the highest.
Blessed in he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana, hosana, hosana in the highest. ♪

+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 O God of resurrection and new life...
 ...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

Please feel welcome to pray in the language of your preference.

P We pray together the prayer Our Lord taught us: | 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.**

Padrenuestro

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
 santificado sea tu nombre;
 venga a nos tu reino;
 hágase tu voluntad, así en la
 tierra como en el cielo;
 el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
 y perdónanos nuestras deudas
 así como nosotros perdonamos a
 nuestros deudores;
 y no nos dejes caer en la
 tentación;
 mas líbranos del mal.
 Porque tuyo es el reino,
 el poder y la gloria
 por los siglos de los siglos.
 Amén.**

Communion

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

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You will come forward, starting at the front pews of the church and progressing to the back, via the side aisles to kneel at the communion rail. You will receive a wafer followed by a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please make the pastor aware if this is your preference. Those who wish to receive communion but cannot come to the table will be communed in their seats; please raise your hand when communion is brought out into the pews.

Lamb of God

ELW S 191, p. 191

♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace, Lamb of God. ♪

Communion Hymns

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471



+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
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,

C **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

+Dismissal

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Of Note:

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.

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.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Randy and Sara Jensen in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary.

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 3–10, 2026)

Sunday 5/3:	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. Congregational Meeting - following worship Youth Group – Fellowship Hall – <i>after meeting</i> to 2 p.m. Indonesian Lutheran Church Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Fellowship Hall – 4 p.m.
Monday 5/4:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Alebrijes Folklorico Class – Fellowship Hall & West Room – 6:30–9 p.m.
Tuesday 5/5:	Amigos de México ESL Classes – West Room – 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Cub Scouts Troop Meeting – Center Room – 4:30–5:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting – West Room – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/6:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Alebrijes Folklorico Class – Fellowship Hall & West Room – 6:30–9 p.m.
Thursday 5/7:	Quilters & Crafters – West Room – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coffee, Conversation, and Prayer – Zoom – 9:30–10 a.m. Amigos de México ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall – 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Casa de Oración Music Practice – West Room – 7–9 p.m.
Friday 5/8:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open – Center Room – 10 to 11:30 a.m. Alebrijes Folklorico Class – Fellowship Hall & West Room – 6:30–9 p.m.
Saturday 5/9:	Spanish-language Worship – Sanctuary – 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 5/10:	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Mother's Day Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall – 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Indonesian Lutheran Church Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración Worship – Fellowship Hall – 4 p.m.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

We welcome your requests for prayers for people 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, and concerns:

Mary Crum (*fractured ribs recovery from fall*)
Karen Arensen (*hip injury from fall*)
Marisela Ramirez (*Pr. Oscar [Casa de Oracion] wife, bone cancer*)
Anne Rubincam (*former preschool teacher, breast cancer*)

For homebound members & friends:

Carol Bath Joan Chambers
Sandy Day Chris Elbert
Velma Larson Christel Loftness
Ann Moore Dorothy Parker
Ted Smith Alice Thurlow

For those dealing with cancer:

Patrick Stephenson (*metastasized cancer*)
Ellie Weaver (*bone cancer*)
Frances Clark (*Gwen Riggs' mother, pancreatic*)
Mitchell Utter & Patricia McGilurdy (*Sue Andrews' siblings*)
Christina Duncan (*Norma's daughter-in-law*)
Kristine Calaway (*Karen Arensen's sister*)
Bob Bliss (*lymphoma*)

Dr. Karen Kadler (*Sara's former employer, lung*)
Everett Stevens (*friend of Joan Gustafson's great grandson, lymphoma*)
Maria Kang (*Laura Garcia's friend, colon*)
Michelle Anderson Arguello (*Roxanne Knutson's cousin, oral*)
Alicia Michael (*Mary Katherine Smith's friend, thyroid*)
Linda Russell (*Elaine Stanger's sister, breast & bone*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

Eric O'Donnell (*Jensen's son-in-law, brain surgery recovery*)
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health*)
West Twomey (*back pain*)
Tony & Rohani Sinaga
Judy Proctor (*Sara Jensen's friend, health*)
Debbie Ball (*Lotus Alexander's daughter, heart health*)
Janet Pethan (*breathing struggles*)
Chris Prillwitz (*employment, MOHS & cataract surgery recovery*)
Karen Arensen (*health*)

Margo (*Andrea Stephenson's mother, Alzheimer's*)
Dawn Tesoro's father Phil (*friends of Chris Prillwitz, health issues*)
Kevin Gustafson (*chronic pain*)
Mary Ann Dominguez (*health*)
Roxanne and Becky Knutson
Jean Rose (*health/pain management*)
Anastasia and family (*friend of Chris Prillwitz*)
and all Ukrainian refugees
Gene (*Joan Gustafson's son-in-law, partial paralysis*)

In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update may be 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:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Mortvedt
Vicar	Laura Garcia Villalpando
Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	Toni Sinaga
Lector	Clark Gilbert
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson & _
Communion Assistants	_ & _
Usher	_
Cameras	Mary Katherine Smith

*If you are willing to help with worship at future services, please visit
bit.ly/2026-05M_SMLC-Worship
to sign up for available roles in May
or contact the church office for assistance in signing up. Thank you!*



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Important Information About St. Mark's

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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.