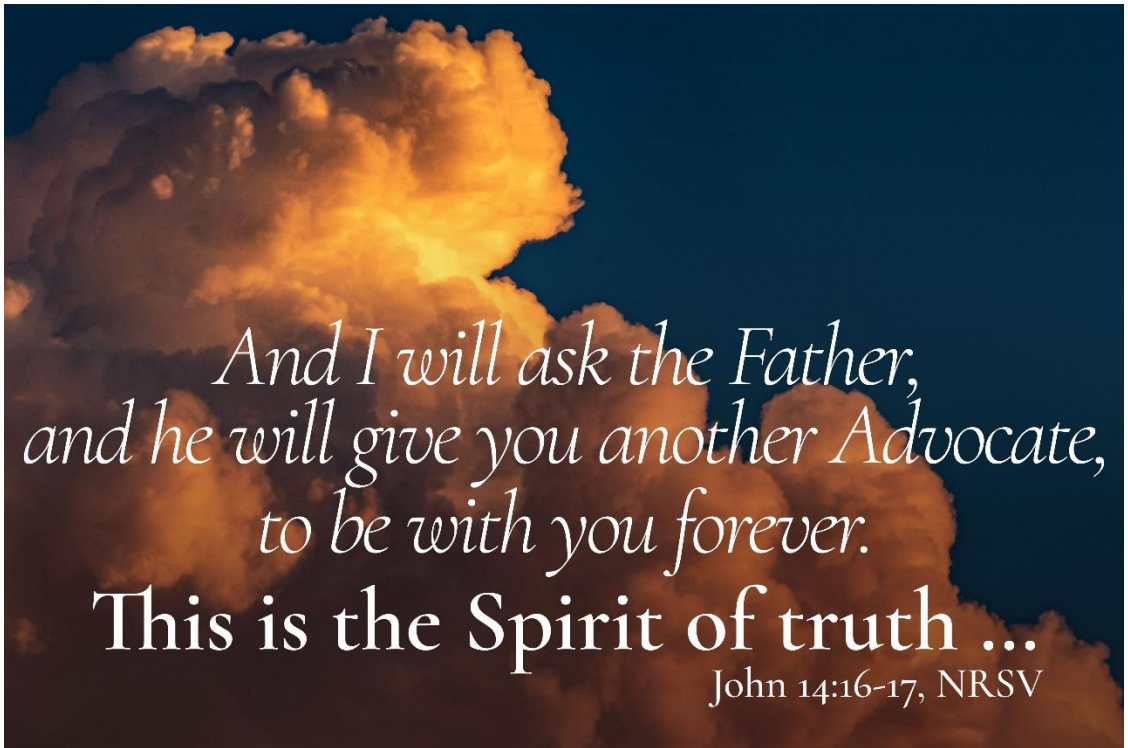


# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Service of Holy Communion –ELW Setting 8



*And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate,  
to be with you forever.*

**This is the Spirit of truth ...**

John 14:16-17, NRSV

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# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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**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](https://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!

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# GATHERING

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## +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

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ELW 408



- 1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
- 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
- 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
- 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

## +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, V = Vicar, A = Assistant, C = Congregation

ELW = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal

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

## +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 vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

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# WORD

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## First Scripture ♦ Acts 17:22–31

*See first page of May 10 Celebrate*

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 66:8–20

*See second page of May 10 Celebrate; chanted responsively, no refrain*



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## Second Scripture ♦ 1 Peter 3:13–22

*See third page of May 10 Celebrate*

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

## +Gospel Acclamation

ELW S188, p. 188



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



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**+Gospel ♦ John 14:15–21**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*See third page of May 10 Celebrate*

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Vicar Laura Garcia Villalpando**

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

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**+Hymn of the Day**

*For All the Faithful Women* (vv. 1, 6, last)

ELW 419



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
2 We hon - or faith-ful Mar - y, fair maid - en, full of grace.  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
She bore the Christ, our broth - er, who came to save our race.  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
May we, with her, sur - ren - der our - selves to your com - mand  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



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.

padeció y fue sepultado,  
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 10 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.**

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# MEAL

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## Special Music

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

—Ylvisaker

performed by Ken Barger

Text/Music: John Ylvisaker

## +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.**

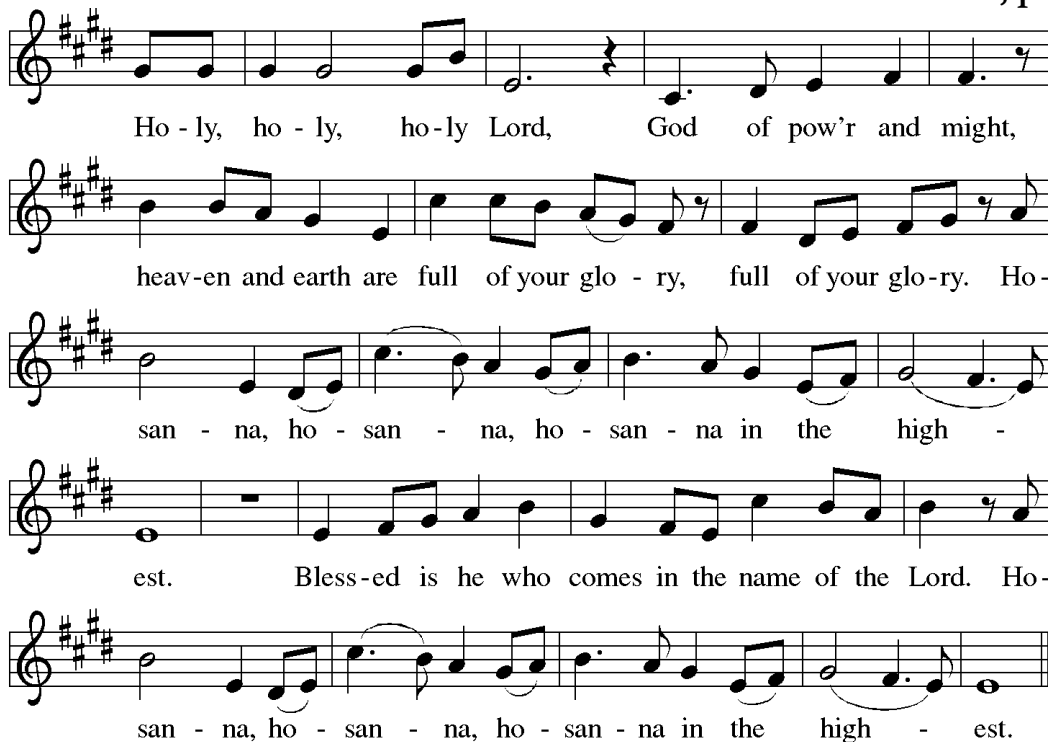
## Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## +Sanctus

ELW S190, p. 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## +Eucharistic Prayer

### ACS Form H: "Remembering the Women"

P All praise to you, glorious God of grace.  
Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.  
With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.  
With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.  
With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.  
Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.  
Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.  
Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.  
One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary the mother of Jesus, we magnify your name:  
Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal.  
Living, he healed the bleeding woman;  
dying, he cared for his mother;  
risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died,  
he 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.

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us.  
Send your Spirit on this bread and wine,  
that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world.  
Send your Spirit on this assembly,  
that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal.  
Send your Spirit on the church,  
that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.  
Send your Spirit into our hearts,  
that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace.  
We adore you, our God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you who mother and feed and comfort us  
today, tomorrow, 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.**

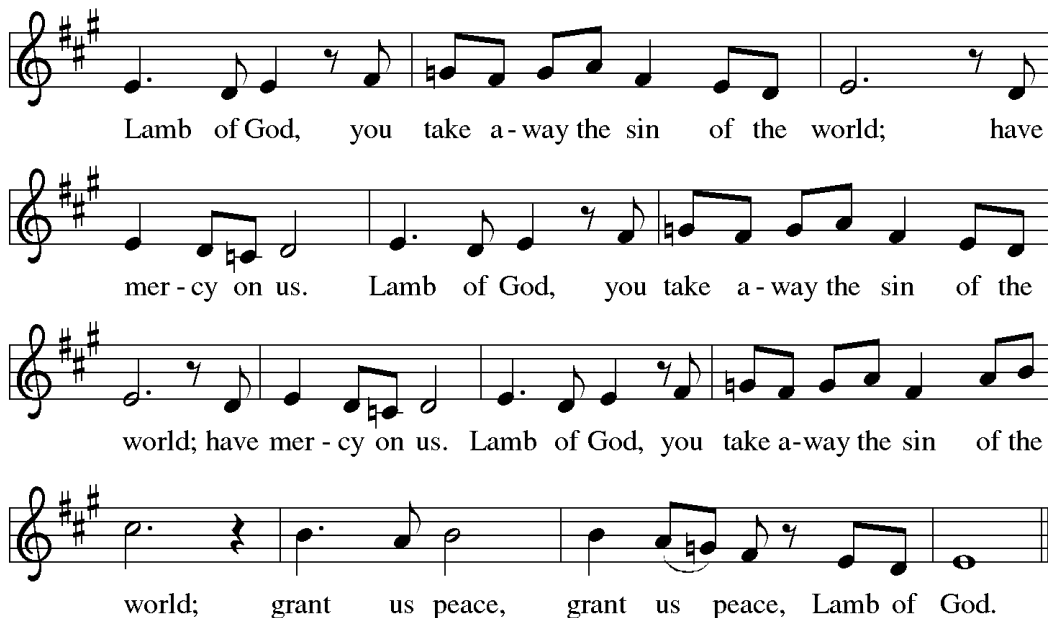
## Communion

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

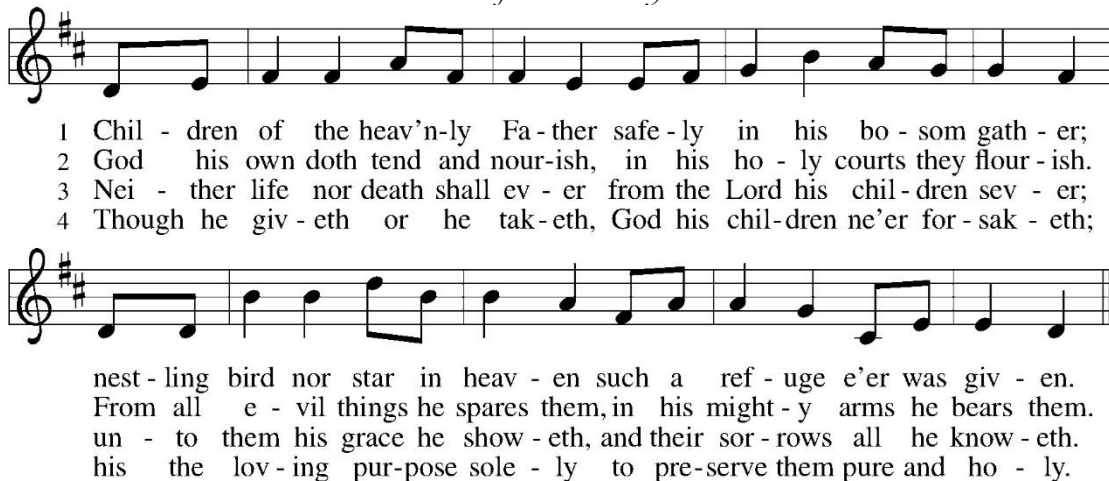


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## Communion Hymns

### *Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781



1 Chil-dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo-som gath-er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho-ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei-ther life nor death shall ev-er from the Lord his chil-dren sev-er;  
4 Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak-eth;  
nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.  
From all e-vil things he spares them, in his might-y arms he bears them.  
un-to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth.  
his the lov-ing pur-pose sole-ly to pre-serve them pure and ho-ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



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 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAL BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

**+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

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# SENDING

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### +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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

ELW 836



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## **+Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

**Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God** by the Stephensons in celebration of all mothers—past, present, and future; also in celebration of their son Michael’s 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday!

*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.*

## 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](mailto: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.

*Praise our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his  
praise be heard...*

*Psalm 66:8*



## Assisting with Worship:

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Michael Mortvedt
<b>Vicar, Assisting Minister</b>	Laura Garcia Villalpando
<b>Accompanist</b>	Sara Jensen
<b>Lector</b>	Roberto Tello Molina
<b>Acolyte</b>	Patrick Stephenson & Ann Howell
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	_ & _
<b>Usher</b>	_
<b>Cameras</b>	Arturo Sales

*If you are willing to help with worship at future services, please visit  
[bit.ly/2026-05M\\_SMLC-Worship](https://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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### 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.