

Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

Service of Holy Communion –ELW Setting 8



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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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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

+Confession and Forgiveness

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, whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

+Gathering Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413

+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 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 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 31 Celebrate

C **Amen.**

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Genesis 1:1–2:4a

See first page of May 31 Celebrate

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

See third page of May 31 Celebrate; chanted responsively, no refrain



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Second Scripture ♦ 2 Corinthians 13:11–13

See third page of May 31 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 ♦ Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

See third page of May 31 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

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

+Nicene Creed

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

**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.**

Credo Niceno

**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,**

**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.**

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.

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 31 Celebrate

Assisting Minister: God of grace,
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

+Offeratory Prayer

A Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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 is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana, hosana, hosana in the highest. ♪

+Eucharistic Prayer

ELW IV, p. 111

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

Padre nuestro

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

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.**

**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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

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

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling

ELW 513

+Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 Susan Tami Whitcomb in honor of Jim Whitcomb.

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.

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to sign up for available roles in June
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.