

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

**Please silence all electronic devices.**

**WELCOME!** Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

**PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

### CONSIDER THIS

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

### GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE— Holy, Holy, Holy** Reginald Heber, John Dykes



### Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### *Celtic Alleluia*



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Stand **8:15 Sermon Lesson — Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

**Gospel: Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

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**P The Gospel of the Lord**

## C Praise to you O God

8:15—Sermon



Stand **Hymn #522** *As We Gather at Your Table*

### **The Ten Commandments**

(According to Luther's Small Catechism)

P God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep God's commandments.

Therefore, we are to love and trust God and gladly act according to God's commands.

### **C You shall have no other Gods**

**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the  
Lord your God**

**Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy**

**Honor your father and your mother**

**You shall not murder**

**You shall not commit adultery**

**You shall not steal**

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse... or anything  
that belongs to your neighbor**

Having been reminded of God's perfect law, we give thanks for baptism that leads to new life as children of God.

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is 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.  
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.

**C Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

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**Hymn of Praise #857** *Lord I Lift Your Name*  
*On High (Sung 2x)*

Stand **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.**

**Prayer of the Day**—Let us pray...

A Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our  
Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable  
us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say  
and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**C Amen.**

Sit **First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

A reading from Acts

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 4**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on  
me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
the Lord will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

**Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

A reading from 1 John

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be



has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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P The Gospel of the Lord  
**C Praise to you O Christ**

Sit **CHILDREN’S SERMON/YOUTH MESSAGE**

**11:00 SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**P** God of Grace

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C Amen**

## MEAL

## PEACE

*The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share.*

*We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other.*

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you**

Sit **OFFERTORY** *I Know My Redeemer Liveth, Handel*

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #182** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*  
Lord



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - cr the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER— Let us Pray

A Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

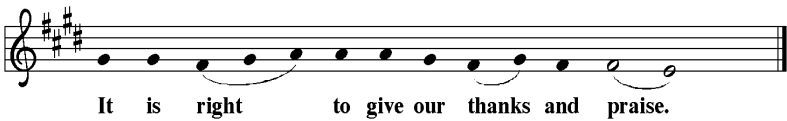
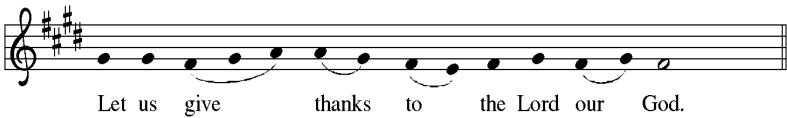
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C Amen.**

## Spoken **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



## PREFACE

P It is indeed right. .

# HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the next two lines. The fourth staff contains the final two lines, ending with a double bar line.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

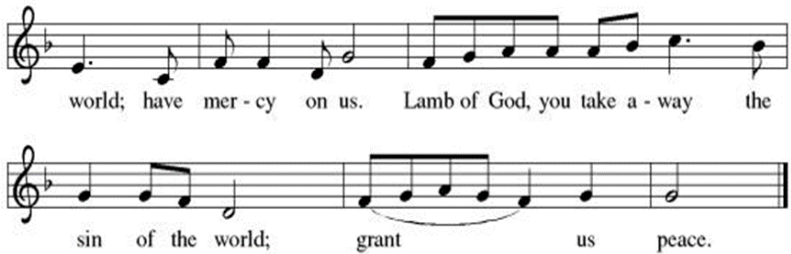
### Invitation to Communion

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

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### **Communion Distribution**

*We invite all Christians who believe that Jesus gives his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins to receive the sacrament with us, the communion assistant will distribute the wine from a pouring chalice into a cup you may pick up at the front of the aisle. If you are unable to take either the bread or wine, be assured that the sacrament is complete. Those not receiving communion are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing. Parents of young children; please direct the pastor as to whether your child usually receives communion or not.*

### **Communion Hymns**

**#468** *Around you, O Lord Jesus*

**#470** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Theter*

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**—Let us pray.

A Shepherd 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**

## BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

C **Amen.**

**Hymn #674** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

## DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

**POSTLUDE** ~ *This Joyful Eastertide* George Woodward

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## Stewardship Snippet— Third Sunday in Easter, April 14, 2024

**1 John 3:1a** – See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

*Our identity – who we really are – forms the hub of our lives as steward-disciples. Our actions and thoughts revolve around that hub. And John reveals that we are children of the Almighty. When you live, as a child of God at your core, everything else falls into place.*



**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

**CO-MINISTERS OF MUSIC** - Jenny Sustak & Faith Smeck

**YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER** - Kellen Michalowski

**ALTAR CARE** - Barb Heym; Barb Dudek

**USHERS** - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Rick Frazier,  
Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

**COMMUNION ASST** - Jessica Broome; Madeline Varga

**WORSHIP ASST** -

**LECTOR** - Jay Snyder; Emmor Boslet

**FLOWER DELIVERY** - Sue Smithers

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Jay Snyder

**NURSERY SCHL DIR.** - Jessica Broome 717-652-6700 ext 3

**SEXTON** - Don Young

**St. Mark's Book Club**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
<b>2024</b>			
Apr. 25	Code Name Sapphire	Pam Jenoff	_____
May 23	Stand Your Ground	Victoria Christopher Murray	_____
June 27	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	_____
July 25	The Four Winds	Kristin Hannah	_____
Aug. 22	The Forgotten Garden	Kate Morton	_____

**Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor**

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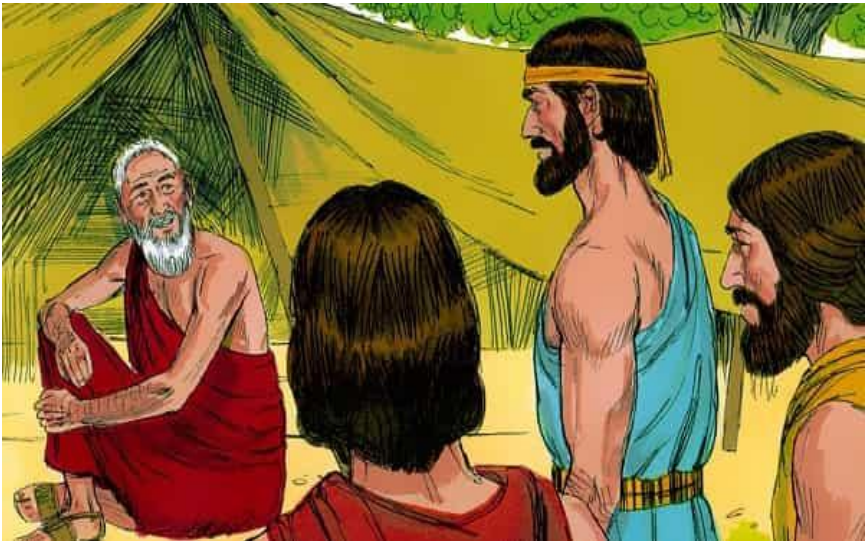
# The Story of Abraham's Table

## Genesis 18:1-8

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

## Hebrews 13:1,2

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.



## OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	04/14	<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		9:45 am	Intergenerational Sunday School
		9:45 am	Adult Sunday School
		<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	04/15	6:00 pm	Lioness /Lions Club Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	04/16		
WEDNESDAY	04/17	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	04/18		
FRIDAY	04/19		
SATURDAY	04/20		
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**MEMBERS and VISITORS** please sign the **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER** located in the hymnal holder. Please indicate if you received communion. Be sure to greet those worshipping with you today.

**Altar Guild is in need of coffee cans or equivalent size of other cans for transporting Altar Flowers.**

**READING LESSONS** for April 21, 2024:

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18

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## Birthdays for April

04/02	George Shultz	04/20	Patty Ernst
	Owen Smith		Keri Miller
	Madeline Varga		Danielle DiSerio
04/03	Charles Walak	04/21	Christopher Bair
	Jane Shetrone	04/22	Caleb Varga
04/04	William Snyder	04/23	Kristy Shoaff
	Caden Bryan	04/25	Kimberly Klick
	Valerie Martellaro		Lauren Edwards (McClenahan)
	Casianne Frey	04/26	Denise Harr
04/05	Michelle Haynos		Karin Senft
04/13	Donald Herbster	04/27	Zachary Lee
	Christian McClain		James Long
04/15	Susan Simpler		Calvin Smith
04/16	Anthony Weldon	04/28	Charles James
		04/29	Jackson Lee
			April Trout

If your birthday is in April and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.



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