

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

**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.

### **INTRODUCTION**

*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** *I Love to Tell the Story* ~D Wood  
*Organ Only*

**HYMN #367** *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds*  
*Organ Only — No Singing*

Stand **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **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**

Spoken **Kyrie** -

*P* In peace, let us pray to the Lord

**C Lord, have mercy**

*P* For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy**

*P* 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.

**C Lord, have mercy**

*P* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy**

*P* Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**—Let us pray. . .

*A* Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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

Sit **First Reading: 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.*

12[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 IN UNISON**

**<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.**

**6Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.  
7You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.  
8In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

### **Second Reading: 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.*

<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.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Stand **Spoken**

**Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 24th Chapter  
**C Glory to you O Lord**

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you O Christ**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Sit HYMN #374 *Day of Arising vs. 1, 2*

**C** Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.  
When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Stand **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

A Hear us, O God

**C Your mercy is great**

A In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## 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. **“Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a “non-contract” sharing of the Peace until further notice.***

P Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you**

## MEAL

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of love,

**C you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.**

**Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

**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. . .

Spoken **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus 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 all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the  
earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Spoken **LAMB OF GOD**

**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.**

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

A **Wellspring of joy,**  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful  
witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all  
people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Stand **BLESSING**

P **May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.**

**The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

Sit **HYMN #374** *Day of Arising vs 3, 4*

**C Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.**

**This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers, when bread is  
broken, there Christ is with us. in bread and wine.**

**Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us  
your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation  
with you may rise.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

**Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed**

**Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of them in the Narthex in recycling can.**

**POSTLUDE** *Lord, you give the Great Commission*

*~Cyril V. Taylor*

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Payments made thru February 28: \$46,692

Attendance: 04/11/2021 88 3 services

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

## **READINGS for April 25, 2021:**

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Altar Flowers are in Memory of my first born son, Brian Luther and last born daughter, Angela Lynne's birthdays, April 15th , seventeen years apart and to Joe & all the loved ones in heaven, given by Loraine Mariner

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If you are already enrolled consider increasing the amount at this time. Forms are available in the narthex and on bulletin boards, or ask at the office.

**ONLINE GIVING** - is also available on our website, [stmarksharrisburg.org](http://stmarksharrisburg.org). Click the GIVE tab and follow the instructions. **ON LINE GIVING IS SEPARATE FROM SIMPLY GIVING.** If you use both you will be giving twice. Changes to SIMPLY GIVING must, for the time being, be made by paper form only. Thanks for your generous stewardship.

**ATTENTION:** So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, or if your birthday don't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

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MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

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## Upcoming Events



Kirchenwald Work Day at Kirchenwald - April 24, 2021

April 24 - Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks. A noon meal will be provided. So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP at [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) or 717-677-8211.



## Nawakwa Work Day at Nawakwa - April 24, 2021

April 24 - Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks. A noon meal will be provided. So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP at [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) or 717-677-8211.

## Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald - April 25, 2021

April 25 - Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorite places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$10 fee. All ages welcome. RSVP to 717-677-8211 or [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) by April 16.

## Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald - April 30 - May 1, 2021

April 30-May 1 - Need a weekend with the guys? Come on out to Kirchenwald for a retreat that's sure to put hair on your chest. Get your hands dirty with on-site service projects, break a sweat with some athletic competition and bike riding, and join in fellowship and Bible study in a faith-based environment. The retreat runs from 7pm on Friday until 4pm on Saturday. Participants must be at least 18 years old, or 15 if accompanied by an adult. (It's a great way to spend time with your grandson/nephew, etc!) \$85 per person. RSVP to 717-677-8211 or [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) by April 23.

Margie Stouffer is now allowed to have 2 hour visits in her room.

The website to sign up is: [Messiahlifeways.org/visit Greenwood](http://Messiahlifeways.org/visitGreenwood) to sign up

Her Room #3012 Greenwood

## Birthdays for April

04/01 – Stella Baker	04/20 – Patty Ernest
04/02 – Fred Shultz	Keri Miller
Owen Smith	Danielle DiSerio
Madeline Varga	04/21- Christopher Bair
04/03 Jane Shetrone	4/22- Caleb Varga
Charles Walak	04/23 – Kristy Shoaff
04/04 – Caden Bryan	04/25 – Kimberly Klick
Casianne Frey	Lauryn Edwards
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04/05 - Michelle Haynos	04/26 - Denise Harr
04/12 - Linda Dullen	Melva Neifert
04/13 - Donald Herbster	Karin Senft
Christian McClain	04/27 - Zachary Lee
04/15 – Susan Simpler	James Long
04/16 - Anthony Weldon	Calvin Smith
04/17 – Lauren Briner	04/29 - April Trout
04/18 – Carol Watkins	Jackson Lee

# it's **BBQ** Time!



**Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:30 am - until  
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**St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**\$10.00 per Chicken Dinner**

**\$14.00 per Ribs Dinner All dinners  
include:**

**Baked potato, Apple sauce, Roll & Water.**

**You can order in advance by calling the  
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## HARVEST

# Golf Tournament

**Monday, May 24, 2021**  
Rain or Shine

**8:00 AM Shotgun Start**  
**Scramble Format**

Sunset Golf Course  
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Phone: 717-944-9262

**All Proceeds benefit the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Harrisburg, PA.**  
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