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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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. **Ver ujier para boletín en español**

Voir l'huissier pour le bulletin français

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

CONSIDER THIS

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE— *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Irish Hymn
(arr. Shaw)



Stand **Gospel Acclamation**



8:15 Sermon Lesson—Gospel: John 10:22-30

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C Glory to you O Lord

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

Sit **8:15—Sermon**



Stand **Hymn #414** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

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 now confess our sins, seek and receive forgiveness by God's grace.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses
in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved
servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless
love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that
open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to
those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living
One,
C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our
very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the
Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE—*This is the Feast*

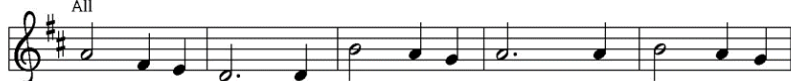
Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Stand **Salutation**

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray...

A O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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

Sit **First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43**

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

A reading from Acts

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to

the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 23

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your
rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup
is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.**

Second Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

A reading from Revelation

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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11:00^{Stand} Gospel Acclamation



11:00 Sermon Lesson Gospel: John 10:22-30

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11:00 SERMON

Stand **Hymn #789** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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 Hear us, O God

C Your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus
Christ, our risen Savior.

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 As the Father has sent the Son, so the Son sends us.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Sit **OFFERTORY** *Worthy is the Lamb Wyrzten (arr. Purifoy)*

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #184** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. 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 have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

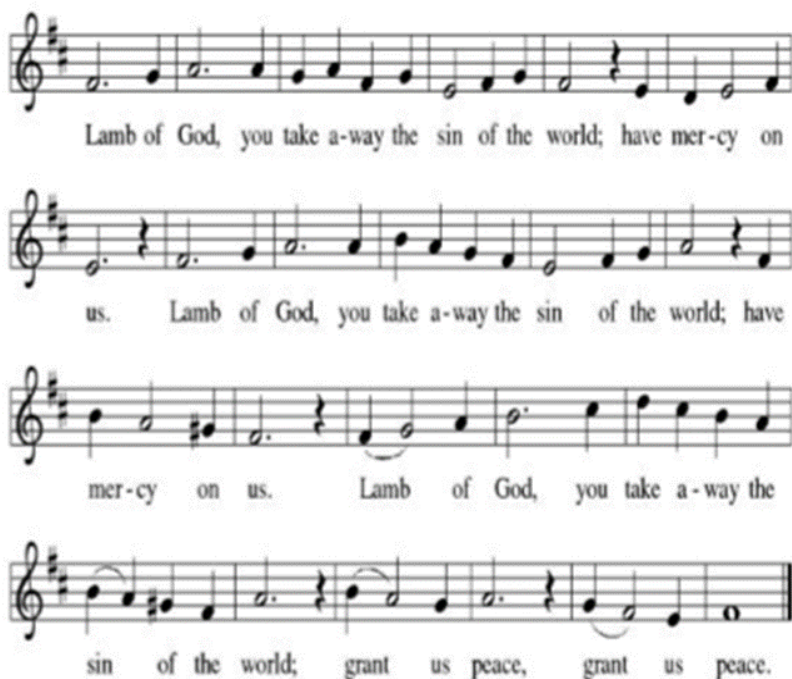
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD



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

#778 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

#780 *Shepherd Me, O God*

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen

Blessing

P The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C Amen.

Hymn #501 *He Leadeth Me*

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE ~ *Shepherd, Lead Us* *Wetzler, Thrupp*

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THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

CO-MINISTERS OF MUSIC - Jenny Sustak & Faith Smeck

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Laurie Womer; Marian Person

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Rick Frazier,

Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST - Randy Whitaker; Madeline Varga

WORSHIP ASST— 8:15—Randy Whitaker

CANTOR—

LECTOR - Randy Whitaker; Dave Featherman

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Dave Stanton

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SEXTON - Don Young



OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	05/11	8:15 am Worship
		9:45 am Intergenerational Sunday School
		11:00 am Worship
		7:00 pm AA
		7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	05/12	6:30 pm Lioness Board Meeting
TUESDAY	05/13	2:00 pm Esther & Eve Circle
		2:00 pm Men's Bible Study
		5:00 pm Nursery Board Meeting
		6:30 pm Property Meeting
WEDNESDAY	05/14	10:00 am Bible Study
THURSDAY	05/15	1:00 pm Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	05/16	
SATURDAY	05/17	10:00 am Chicken & Rib BBQ
SUNDAY	05/18	8:15 am Worship
		9:45 am Intergenerational Sunday School
		11:00 am Worship
		7:00 pm AA
		7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous

Altar Flowers are in memory of my mother, Margie Stouffer and my 2nd mother, Jonnie Deibler. Happy Heavenly Mother's Day. Given by Mary Sultzaberger.