



**Gathered Together by God to Grow and Go Out!**

**May 3, 2026**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Sunday Worship In-Person and Online via Facebook and YouTube**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, Wisconsin**

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# Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where we are Gathered together by God to Grow and Go out! We're so glad you are worshiping with us today.

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Pastor Laura's Sabbath Day is Friday.

**Music Director: Jennifer Manvilla**

**Assisting Minister: Brian Trautman / Deacon Marcia Marquardt**



*Altar flowers given in honor of Marcia Marquardt.*

**Sunday School** is held on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Children will be excused for the class with teacher Suzanne Lorenz after the Children's Message and return to worship in time for Holy Communion.

**Our Sanctuary Hearing Loop System** is a wireless technology that works with telecoil hearing aids and cochlear implants. For the technology to work, you need a hearing aid that has a t-coil. The t-coil must be activated by your audiologist. Newer hearing aids may have a Bluetooth setting that allows you to turn on the t-coil yourself with your phone. Once it is activated, there is nothing else to do, but sit back and listen to the clear sound.

**Join others for conversation and treats at the Coffee Hour** after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Where to find information:**

- Weekly email blast (if you don't receive these, contact us at [welcome2stmarks@gmail.com](mailto:welcome2stmarks@gmail.com))
- Prayer Chain Requests to Lana DeCoto at [lrdecoto@gmail.com](mailto:lrdecoto@gmail.com). Others will pray confidentially for you. **You may also fill out a prayer request card and place it in the basket on the AV desk or comment in the Facebook Livestream, and the Prayer Chain will pray for your concerns.**
- Council & Financial reports are on bulletin board at fellowship hall entrance
- Past sermons at youtube.com (search St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, WI)

**The Church Office is open** Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 9:00-1:00.

GATHERING HYMN

# Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## **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!**

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

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.)*

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: the Fox River, St. Peter Sandstone aquifer, and Lake Michigan.

**Blessed are you.**

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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.**

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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.**

**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.**

**Amen.**

# PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with your neighbor expressing God's peace. *If you are joining us for worship online, please share a sign of peace in the comments section of the live stream.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, 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.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

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

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

D: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THE PASTOR** (*you may be seated*)

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Nolan Manvilla**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
 deliver me in your righteousness.

2 **Incline your ear to me;**  
**make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

15 **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

16 Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

## 1 Peter 2:2-10

D: A reading from First Peter.

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into  
salvation 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s  
sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy  
priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands  
in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

8 and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order  
that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous  
light.

10 Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

D: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please rise as you are able)*



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.

## John 14:1-14

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

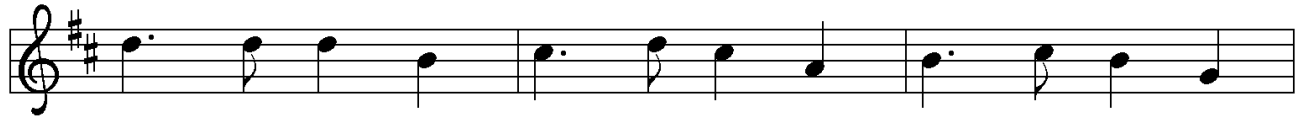
**HYMN OF THE DAY – selected by Deacon Marcia (please rise as you are able)**

### Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,  
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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## NICENE CREED

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us confess our faith:

**C: 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.**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, especially those we name now, silently or aloud . . . . Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. As you have blessed St. Mark's and Marcia in our spiritual life together, now continue to support us as we go our separate ways, for you are the rock in whom we trust. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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

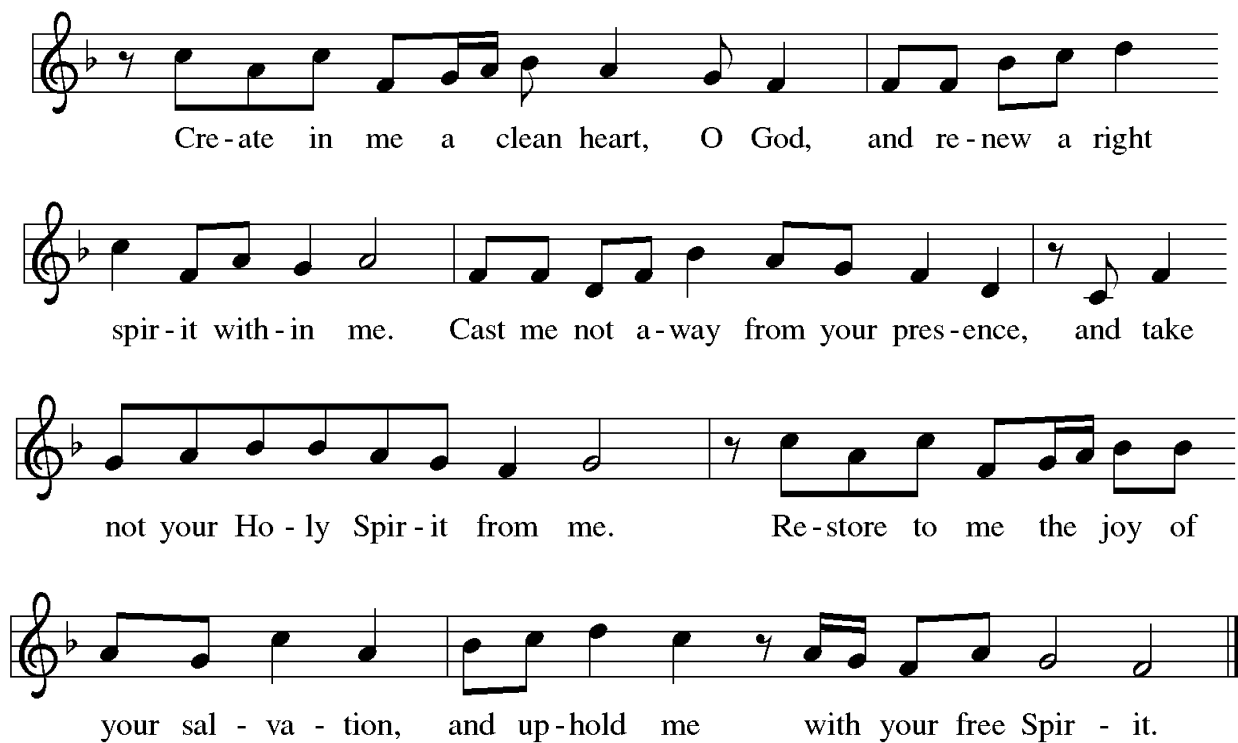
### MISSION MOMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please be seated)*

#### OFFERING

We give thanks for our continued offerings that invest in God's work in and through St Mark's. You may mail your offering to church (424 Hyde Park Ave Waukesha WI 53188); if you prefer to give digitally, follow this [link](#). If you'd like to text your contribution, please use this number: (262) 383-2338. We are very grateful for all your offerings and give thanks to God, the giver of all things.

#### OFFERTORY SONG

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

#### OFFERING PRAYER *(Please rise as you are able)*

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

**DIALOG**

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**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

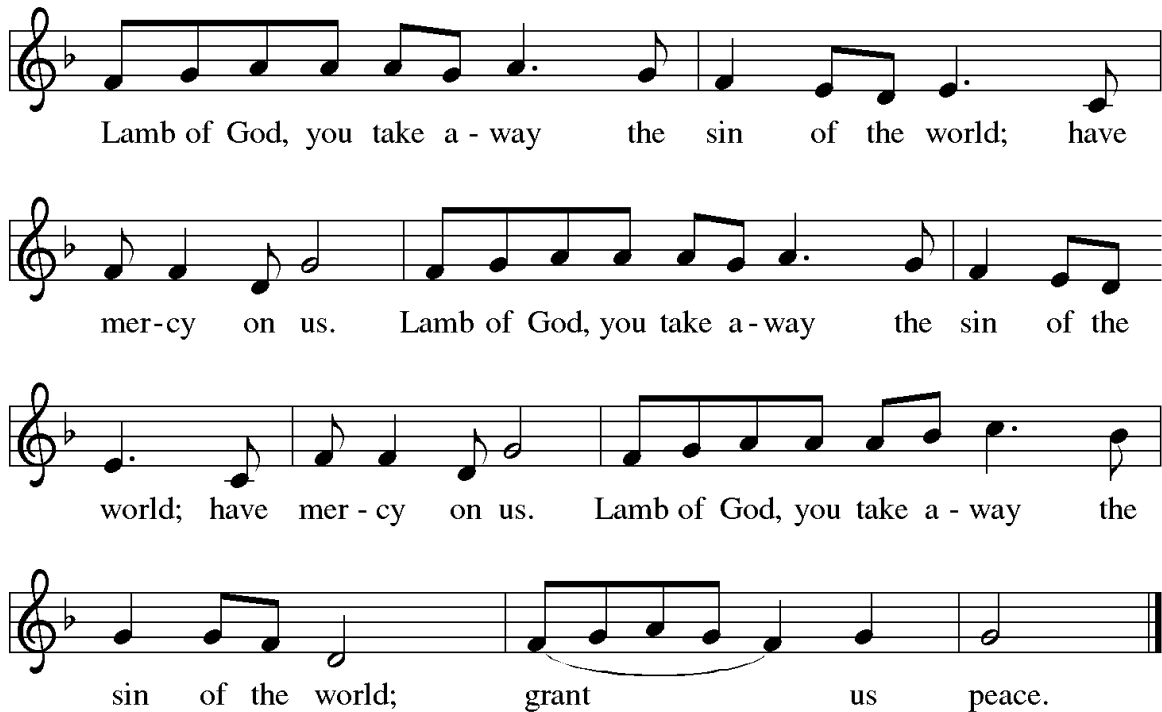
## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

## COMMUNION (you may be seated)

The table of Holy Communion is inclusive, all people are welcome to receive this free gift of God. You will be invited by welcome team members to come forward down the center aisle. Bread is distributed at the center, with gluten free options at request. Your choice of grape juice or wine is available to you as you move toward either direction to return to your seats. Baskets for your empty cups are in the aisles as you return to your seats. If you need to have communion brought to you, please let a welcome team member know and the pastor or the assisting minister will commune you in your seat.

**Prayer Partners** (wearing a red badge) are available for confidential prayer for yourself or others in the front and back of the sanctuary.



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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### I Received the Living God



*Refrain*  
I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.  
I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;  
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;  
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.  
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

### **TABLE BLESSING** *(please rise as you are able)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

D: 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,

**Amen.**

### **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO DEACON MARCIA MARQUARDT** *(please be seated)*

*A representative of the congregation comes forward with those who are leaving the congregation and addresses the assembly.*

R: Marcia, as you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell.

*A reading from Isaiah:* Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. *(Isaiah 43:1-3)*

*Brief comments about those who are leaving and their life in the congregation may follow.*

*The presiding minister continues:*

P: Marcia, in holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a part of his church. When you came to St. Mark's, the congregation rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in your retirement, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant, Marcia, who has enriched this congregation and shared her gifts with the people of St. Mark's.

**C: You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning.**

You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love.

**C: You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.**

Now bless and preserve Marcia at this time of transition.

Day by day, guide her and give her what is needed,

**C: friends to cheer her way, and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling her.**

By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage, that she may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The deacon may address the congregation.*

## **RELEASE AND BLESSING**

P: People of God, members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, do you release Marcia from service as your deacon?

**C: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

P: Marcia, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with St. Mark's Lutheran Church?

D: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

P: Now I invite you all to please rise as you are able, and let us all extend our hands over Marcia,

sending her forth with God's blessing:  
 Marcia, you have been a blessing to our congregation.  
 We now bless you as you enter a new phase of life.  
**C: Go with love. Go with joy. Go with peace.**  
**The Spirit of God goes with you. Amen.**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
 Jesus Christ  $\oplus$ , the firstborn of the dead,  
 and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
 bless you all now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** (*printed on two pages*)

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*  
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904  
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## DISMISSAL

- D: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- D: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
- C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Update on the Call Process, as of 4/28

On Monday, 4/27, Pastor Kristin Nielsen of the Greater Milwaukee Synod met with members of the Church Council for Marcia's exit interview. That conversation will help St. Mark's leaders (and the MET, once it is formed) to envision where God might be calling our congregation, and what kind of minister we might hire. In the meantime, the GMS has forwarded us the name of a candidate who could become our Transition Deacon. The Church Council voted to extend her an invitation to interview, and they will be conducting that in the coming weeks. The Council is also continuing to work on preparing for the MET and Call process. Please keep St. Mark's leadership, our congregation, the transition candidate, and the GMS leadership in your prayers.

### 5/3 - Marcia's Retirement Celebration

Come and join us to celebrate Marcia's retirement on Sunday, May 3rd. We will have a potluck luncheon with sandwiches being provided, in Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 worship service. There is a card box at the welcome center for anyone wishing to leave a card for Marcia. We look forward to seeing you at the celebration.

## **Interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's?**

If you would like to join St. Mark's, please reach out to Pastor Laura. She will meet with you in the coming weeks for informal conversation about matters of faith, and you can join the congregation on Sunday, May 24 for the feast of Pentecost.

## **To whomever left the anonymous gift outside Pastor Laura's office on 4/26**

The embroidery is exquisite. The design is sublime in its elegant simplicity. This was so unexpected, and such a beautiful gesture. I'm very much looking forward to using it. Thank you so much for thinking of me. What a blessing!

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

- Funeral for Roger Bjerke - May 5
- Pentecost Sunday - May 24
- Welcoming New Members - May 24
- Church office closed for Memorial Day - May 25
- Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly - May 29-30
- Healing service - June 7

## **Hospital Visits**

If you find yourself in the hospital or a rehab facility for a few days or weeks and would like a visit from Pastor Laura or Deacon Marcia, let us know! Sometimes people are in the hospital and we don't learn about it until the hospital stay is over. You can also request a visit over the phone instead, if you don't want Pastor Laura to see you in a hospital gown! If you know in advance you'll be in the hospital or your stay is an extended one, you can reach out to the church office to request a visit (262-547-8213). If it's urgent, you can call or text Pastor Laura directly (608-424-8738).

**Zoom Meeting Numbers: Faith Formation** Zoom: 817 7030 6574

**Church Meetings** Zoom: 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcodes.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 3rd**

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Marcia's Retirement Celebration

### **MONDAY, MAY 4th**

- Stress Less Conversation at 3:30pm on Zoom
- Strong Bodies exercise class at 4:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY, MAY 5th**

- Roger Bjerke Visitation beginning at 9:30am
- Staff meeting at 10:00am
- Roger Bjerke Funeral at 11:30am
- Legacy Fund Meeting at 1:00pm in the Gathering Room

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th**

- Strong Bodies exercise class at 4:15pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Teen Single Parent Support Group at 6:00pm in the Lounge

### **THURSDAY, MAY 7th**

- Hybrid Bible Study at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom

**SUNDAY, MAY 10th**

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Sunday School
- Confirmation at 10:45 in the Conference Room

I am  
the way,  
the  
truth and  
the life.

John 14:6