

Gathered Together by God to Grow and Go Out!

April 28, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday Worship In-Person and Online at Facebook and YouTube

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, Wisconsin

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+ GATHERING +

CALL AND RESPONSE *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed!

P: Our God has done this.

C: We are amazed!

P: This is the day that God has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad!

GATHERING HYMN (*please stand as you are able*)

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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. 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!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

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

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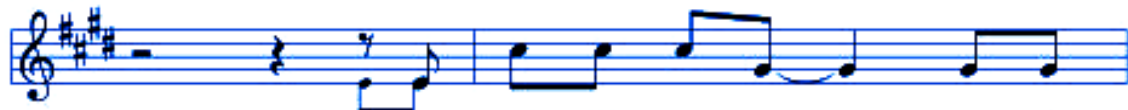


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, that for you
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

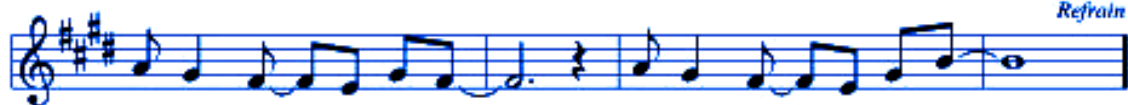


health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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GREETING

A: 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

A: Holy Lord, within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THE PASTOR

FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

Paul writes: By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ I appeal to all of you, my friends, to agree in what you say, so that there will be no divisions among you. Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose. For some people from Chloe's family have told me quite plainly, my friends, that there are quarrels among you. Let me put it this way: each one of you says something different. One says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Peter"; and another, "I follow Christ."

Christ has been divided into groups! Was it Paul who died on the cross for you? Were you baptized as Paul's disciples?

I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius. No one can say, then, that you were baptized as my disciples. (Oh yes, I also baptized Stephanas and his family; but I can't remember whether I baptized anyone else.) Christ did not send me to baptize. He sent me to tell the Good News, and to tell it without using the language of human wisdom, in order to make sure that Christ's death on the cross is not robbed of its power.

For the message about Christ's death on the cross is nonsense to those who are being lost; but for us who are being saved it is God's power.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION *(please stand 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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:34-35

But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE by Pastor Sara Gillespie

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand as you are able)*

Sing twice:

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us profess our faith together in the words of the 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(please be seated)*

We will sing the song responsively after each petition is offered.

Please sing a new verse each time the song is sung.

We offer prayers during this time of meditation and singing. As a way of practicing our faith, you are invited to offer ways in which you experience the seeking and granting of forgiveness during the prayers of the people.

*If you have prayers you would like to have offered up during this time, please place names and concerns on a prayer request card and hand it to a welcome team member. **If you are joining us for worship online please begin typing names in the comment section so we might pray continuously during worship.***

Hear Our Prayer

Prayer Response



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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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 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 grateful for all your offerings and give thanks to God for you. Our offerings honor God, the giver of all things.

OFFERTORY SONG

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are as follows:

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

+ MEAL +

DIALOG

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

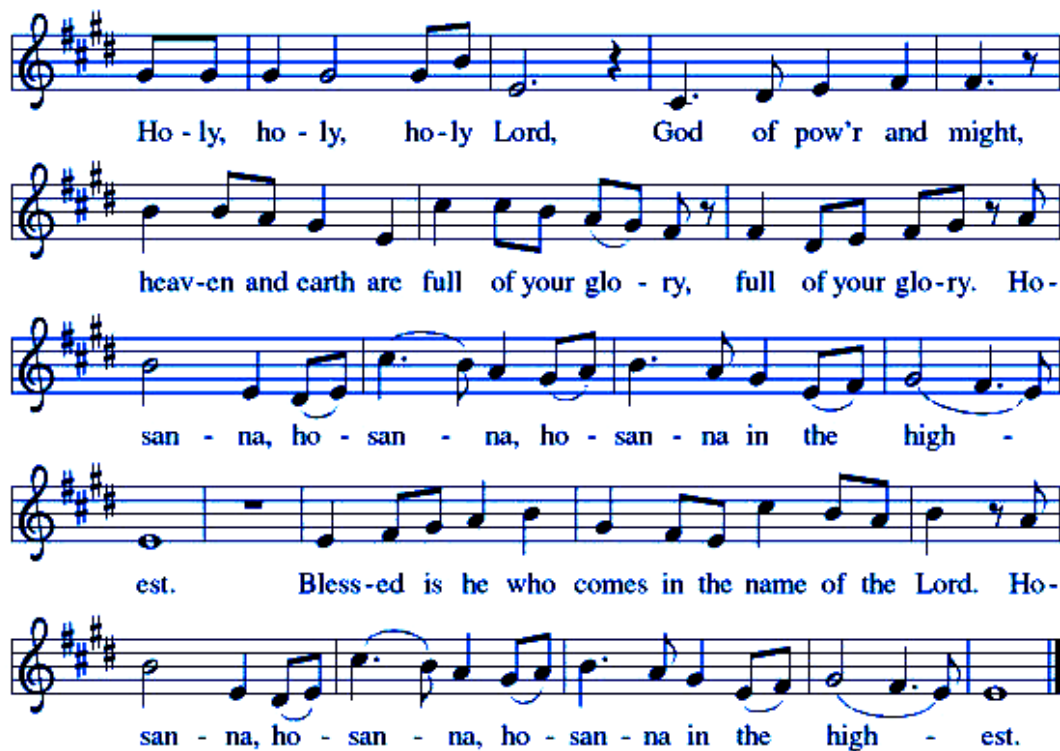
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 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.

COMMUNION

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.

EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION

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, 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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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TABLE BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Shepherding 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: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen



SENDING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

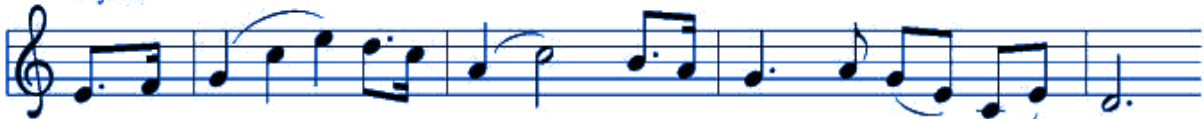


- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



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 meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

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Interim Pastor: Sara Gillespie (sara.gillespie06@gmail.com, (920-214-3132)

Pastor Sara's Sabbath Day is Monday.

Deacon: Marcia Marquardt (marcia1@wi.rr.com, 262-784-2062)

Deacon Marcia's Sabbath Day is Friday.

Music Director: Jennifer Manvilla

Assisting Minister: Jennine Szwalkiewicz

Sunday School is held on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month from February through April, and 1st and 3rd Sundays in May. Children will be excused for the class after the "Children's Time with the Pastor" within worship.

Join others for conversation and treats at the Coffee Hour after worship today in the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where to find information:

- Welcome2stmarks.com
- facebook.com/welcome2stmarks
- Youtube.com (Search St. Mark's Waukesha)
- Church email address is: welcome2stmarks@gmail.com
- Weekly email blast (if you don't receive these, contact Marcia at marcia1@wi.rr.com)
- Prayer Chain Requests to Lana DeCoto at lrdécoto@gmail.com.

Join us for the MET Informational Meeting TODAY after worship in the sanctuary AND on Zoom 823 2326 4353 (Contact Marcia for passcode)! The MET team will present the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This document describes our congregation and is given to prospective pastors. One week later, **May 5th**, two representatives from our synod will visit our congregation to discuss the MSP and let us know what the next steps will be in calling a new pastor for St. Mark's. **MET Members:** Pastor Sara Gillespie, Brian Trautman - Chair, Karen Handford, Cathy Hernandez, Mary Johnson, Frank Remfrey, Kelly Colgrove, Lisa Salb. Additional comments can be emailed to: metstmarks@gmail.com

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We received \$3760 for our Lenten special offering to benefit ELCA World Hunger. That's enough to buy more than 5 farms for families around the world. God is using us to help communities in need for generations to come with farm animals, equipment, and training! Thank you to all who contributed!

Church Keys - If you have a key for the building, and no longer use it, please return it to the office. We need keys for new volunteers. - thank you - Debbie Wagner

Earth Day Tips: To help your community and planet, try these tips: Grow local plants in your yard. Use technology, such as a programmable thermostat to reduce energy usage. Shop at farmers' markets to reduce transportation emissions. Lastly, planning ahead can reduce convenience waste. Fun facts: Where does most of the planet's breathable oxygen come from? About 50-80% of our oxygen comes from the ocean. A single tree produces enough oxygen during its entire life to supply enough oxygen for only 4 people.

Zoom Meeting Numbers: Faith Formation Gatherings Zoom: 817 7030 6574,
Church Meetings Zoom: 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcodes.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- Sunday Worship at 9:30 am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Sunday School
- Congregational Informational Meeting about Ministry Site Profile (MSP) after worship in sanctuary AND on Zoom 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcode.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- Quilting at 8:30am in fellowship hall
- Linden Heights Devotion & Communion with Lana DeCoto & Donna Inman at 2:30pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- Staff meeting at 10:00am
- Still Waters Run Deep discipleship huddle at 2:15pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- Office Assistants' Training at 11:00am in church office
- Zoom Bible Study at 3:45pm on Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode.
- Confirmation class at 6:45pm in sanctuary

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- Hybrid Bible Study at 10:00am in fellowship hall AND Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- Dwell in the Word small group at 1:00pm in fellowship hall

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- An Assistant to the Bishop for Greater Milwaukee Synod preaching
- Sunday School
- Installation of Call Committee
- Town Hall meeting about Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and Call Process after worship in sanctuary AND on Zoom 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcode.

God
Loves Me

