



Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday



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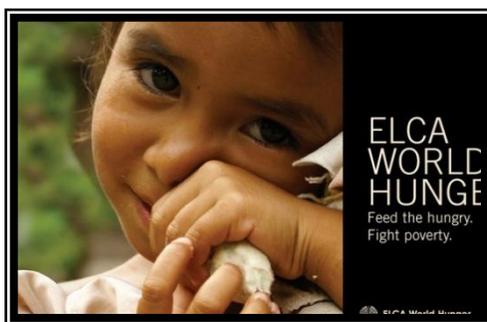
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March Mission of the Month ELCA World Hunger



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

Working with and through our congregations in the U.S., Lutheran churches around the world, and other partners, [ELCA World Hunger](#) is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

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Pastor Colin Cranmer - Welcome

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns/Holy Holy Holy

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

4. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Confession and Forgiveness

When we confess, we acknowledge the ways we have been living apart from relationship with God and each other.

We confess our sin, our separation, and our suffering. Grant us mercy, undeserved and extravagant, so we are restored to dignity, belonging, and purpose that come from you.

We are loved by a God who keeps promises, whose grace is restless to find and free us, who calls us beloved from the first day until the last, always eager to welcome us home.

Friends in Christ, your sins are forgiven †. May your liberation be a gift to the world still aching for freedom.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable before the Creator. You know the message God sent to the

people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him. We disciples, and many women, men, and children, are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Green Blade/Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
 unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
 who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
 praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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 Intercession

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our
 neighbors, and our world.

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world.
 Give us the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to
 share your abundant life.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding
 trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and
 nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful
 harvest.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.**

Announcements

Offering Song - Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
 How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
 Oh, for grace to trust Him more
 Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
 How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
 Oh, for grace to trust Him more

Offering Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving / Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song - Boldly I approach

By grace alone somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms

When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair
I hear the voice that scatters fear
The Great I am the Lord is here
Oh praise the One who fights for me
And shields my soul eternally



Boldly I approach Your throne
Blameless now I'm running home
By Your blood I come
Welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty

Behold the bright and risen Son
More beauty than this world has known
I'm face to face with Love Himself
His perfect spotless righteousness
A thousand years, a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise

Boldly I approach Your throne
Blameless now I'm running home
By Your blood I come
Welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty

Boldly I approach Your throne
Blameless now I'm running home
By Your blood I come
Welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty

This is the art of celebration
Knowing we're free from condemnation
Oh praise the One, praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin

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Knowing we're free from condemnation
Oh praise the One, praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin

Boldly I approach Your throne
Blameless now I'm running home
By Your blood I come
Welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song - For You are Good

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation
We worship you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We worship you for who you are
We worship you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We worship you for who you are
You are good!

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever



People from every nation and tongue
 From generation to generation
 We worship you
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 We worship you for who you are
 We worship you
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 We worship you for who you are

You are good!
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good

Lord You are good
 And Your mercy endureth forever
 Lord You are good
 And Your mercy endureth forever
 Lord You are good
 And Your mercy endureth forever

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 We worship you
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 We worship you for who you are
 We worship you
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 We worship you for who you are
 We worship you

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 We worship you for who you are
 We worship you
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 We worship you for who you are
 For who you are, for who you are...
 And You are good

You are good all the time
 All the time You are good
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good
 You are good all the time
 All the time You are good

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Please feel free to join the following small groups:

Women of St. Mark's - 1st Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

Yarns of Compassion - 3rd Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

Reflections in the Spirit - 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7 PM.

Reflections of the Seasons - 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12 PM

Zoom Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday Night @ 7 PM

Gather Bible Study - 2nd Friday of the month @ 7 PM.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - Fri. Night @ 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

This years Easter Garden is in memory and or honor of the following individuals:

Rosemary Beilke in memory of Emily Mongeau, Fred Beilke and Anna Paulsen.

Jean Bogdala in loving memory of Richard Bogdala.

Carol Bonnes in honor or our Risen Lord.

Lynn Deram in memory of her husband, Tom Deram.

Linda Dietz in memory of Ed Dietz and Tim Dietz.

Genie Durand in memory of dear departed family.

Karen Case in memory of Charles Heberer.

*Jason & Rebecca Falkinham in memory of Brent Kenneth Falkinham
and Fred & Frida Reyes.*

Kathy Haapanen in memory of Jerry & family loved ones.

Nancy Inskeep in memory of my sons.

Ardell Koch in memory of J. Stewart, David Koch and Ray O'Malley

Bob & Helen Ostman in memory of Lynda LeFave

and in honor of St. Mark's family.

Bridgette Otterbacher in honor of all my family, bother near and far.

The Puccini Family in memory of Marilyn Knuth, Robbie Kole and Lola Puccini.

Joanie Ryan in loving memory of her dad, Richard Bogdala

Jenny Theis in honor of her parents, Bill & Nancy Reif.

Lucille Tolonen in memory of my husband Leonard and our parents;

Gunard & Sophie Sjolholm and Edward & Eva Tolonen.

Lucille Tolonen in memory of Walter & Ruth Maki.

Wayne & Kim Voss in memory of our family.

Al Wienke in memory of Eleanore Wienke.



Come as You Are, Whoever You Are

Everyone is welcome at St. Mark's, no matter what you have done, what has been done to you, what darkness or struggles you have faced, and regardless of whether you have been marginalized by society or denied involvement by other churches.

All are worthy of God's love and grace. We celebrate diversity, and seek to be inclusive of every race, ethnicity, faith background, age, economic status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental ability, or anything else that divides us.

Christ's church is not ours to control, nor is it our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. But it is our place to love all our neighbors, aid the less fortunate, and to be a voice on their behalf.

Welcome!

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

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