



Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday



WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

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: My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)

To God be the glo ry,
to God be the glory,
to God be the glory
for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me,
with his pow'r he has raised me
to God be the glory
for the things he has done.

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by

themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
 Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
 What Father, so tender, is calling us home
 He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
 Stronger than darkness, new every morn
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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 Stronger than darkness, new every morn
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
 His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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 Stronger than darkness, new every morn
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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.

A moment of silence.

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 - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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!

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, 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 - Communion

This is communion, Your body broken
The cup we're drinking is bittersweet
The gift of friendship, truest salvation
Borne of Your suffering on Calvary

We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God upon the cross

From stained to spotless, from wrath to favor
Through You our Savior, the work complete
In full repentance, led by Your kindness
Partake of presence as we receive

We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God upon the cross
We remember the price You had to pay

We remember the wounds that made a way
 We remember the Lamb, for all was slain upon the cross

How can it be?
 There is a table
 For all who would come
 For all who would come
 Taste now and see
 There is a table
 For all who would come
 For all who would come

Take of the bread, receive the cup (there is a table)
 For His mercy is enough (for all who would come)
 For the many and the one (for all who would come)
 This is communion (taste now and see)
 Take it as often as you will (there is a table)
 For His blood has power still (for all who would come)
 By His wounds we shall be healed (for all who would come)
 This is communion

Take of the bread, receive the cup
 For His mercy is enough
 For the many and the one
 This is communion
 Take it as often as you will
 For His blood has power still
 By His wounds we shall be healed
 This is communion

We remember the sacrifice of love
 We remember the blood poured out for us
 We remember the only Son of God upon the cross
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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
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And Your mercy endureth forever

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From generation to generation

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 Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 We worship you for who you are
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 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

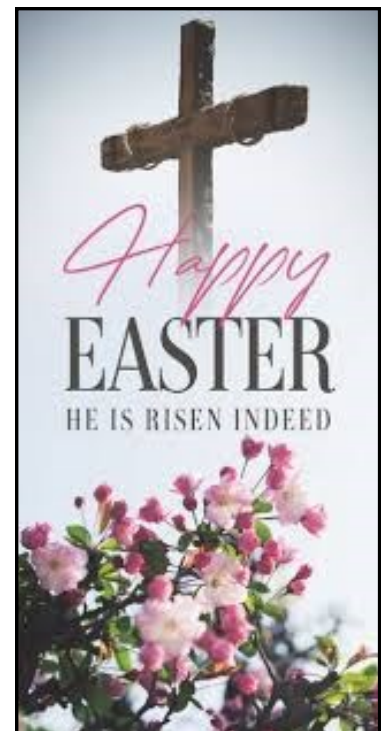
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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

There will be no fellowship after worship today.
 Happy Easter!



Announcements & Events

Sunday, April 27th

Worship Service @ 10 AM

Wednesday, April 23rd

White Crane Wellness Center Presents: Herons, Cranes, & Egrets @ 10 AM
Location: St. Mark's

Sunday, May 11th

Mother's Day

Worship Service @ 10 AM

Please feel free to join the following groups:

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

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

(Yarns of Compassion does not meet in December)

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 - 3rd Friday of the month @ 5:30 PM

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

Sunday School News



I am putting together a list of volunteers to sub on the occasions I am ill or unavailable. (I already have a few, so Thank you to those folks!) I'm also open to any youth who would like to visit with us and play a game or do a craft. We average 4 kids (ages 7-9) and have plenty of stuff to use up. - Thank You

Just shoot me a text [224-538-8499](tel:224-538-8499) or email at jrdoxie2@gmail.com





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

Eric Aho in honor of Arnold and Anita Aho

*Victoriya Berezhna in memory of Georgiy Berezhnyi, Andrii,
and Yeugeniya Dogadaylo*

Jean Bogdala in memory of Richard Bogdala

Carol Bonnes in honor or our Risen Lord

*Loren Congdon in memory of Caleb Congdon, Everett & Evangeline Congdon,
and Rev. George & Shirley Jacobsen*

Lynn Deram in memory of my husband Tom

Genie Durand in memory of Paul's mom & my mom

*Jason, Rebecca and Madison Falkinham in loving memory of Brent K. Falkinham,
Frida and Fred Reyes*

Nancy Inskeep in memory of my sons

*Ardell Koch in memory of J. Stewart Koch, David P. Koch,
and friends Nancy and Mary*

*Vicki Mattson in memory of my husband Bill 'Chico' Mattson,
and parents Ertice & Dee Dixon*

Bob & Helen Ostman in memory of Maryanne Kapolnek & Sanna Luhtala

*Joanie Ryan in memory of my dad, Richard Bogdala
and the anniversary of his passing (April 20, 2022)*

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

Gunard & Sophie Sjoholm and Edward & Eva Tolonen.

Lucille Tolonen in memory of Walter, Ruth, and Bruce Maki

Wayne & Kim Voss

Alfred Wienke & Family 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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