

**St. Mark Lutheran Church and School**

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**This Week at St. Mark**

- Monday - No Worship Service  
 - No School
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm  
 - Catechism Class
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
- Saturday - 8:00 am Annual Spring Cleaning  
 - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Fanning Sec. 2 Drews  
 Sec. 3 Fury

**Thanks** to those who made donations, baked cakes and helped in any way with last Sunday’s meal at Nebraska Lutheran High School. Along with a donation from Thrivent, the 5 churches who assisted raised \$695 for NELHS. God is good! *St. Mark Ladies Aid*

**A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord**

Worship Attendance Last Week 175

Last Week’s Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$4,930.95	Missions	\$320.00
Building Fund	\$215.00	NELHS General	\$85.00
Bld. Addition Fund	\$4,425.00	Science Camp	\$50.00
Tuition	\$100.00		
Total Offering—		\$10,125.95	

He is not here;

He has risen!

Matthew 28:6

**Alleluia**



## He Lives!

*To Set Me Free*

*As the bells chime, please stand.*

**HYMN: CW 157**

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*As the hymn is introduced an alleluia banner is brought forward.*

*During Lent the alleluias were set aside, but now that Christ is risen, they return.*

### EASTER DIALOGUE

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**M:** We celebrate this festival day in the name of our God—the glorious Father, the resurrected and victorious Son and the powerful Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Within us new life is awakened. God has given new hope to a dying world. Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**M:** Why do you look for the living among the dead?

**C:** **He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.**

**M:** He was delivered over to death for our sins

**C:** **And was raised to life for our justification.**

**M:** I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,

**C:** **Neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,**

**M:** Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

**C:** **Will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## St. Mark News and Notes

**Nursery** At St. Mark, we love children and encourage their worship, too! In the foyer, we have some children's busy bags hanging from hooks that you are most welcome to use in church. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you're welcome to use our nursery. Ask an usher to lead you there. Most of us have or have had young children, so you're with caring people who understand what it's like to have little ones.

**Building Fund:** If you would like to give specifically to the new school building, please write "New Building Fund" on the envelope to be sure that the money is allocated correctly. Put the envelope in the offering plate.

**Birthdays**—Chloe Stamps 4/16, Gerald House 4/19, Fred Hansel 4/20, Genny Schmidt 4/22

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**Elders:** James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

**Ushers:** Mark Schwede, Eric Richert (E) Rich Beltz, Jeff Schmidt (L)

**Greeters:** Carolyn Schwede (E) Bev & Rich Randazzo (L)

**Organist:** Cindy Krushenisky

**Parsonage Roof**—We are planning on tearing off shingles on May 5 and replacing them on May 6. If you are able to help out and have any tools that we could use that would be wonderful. Please talk to Blake Baumann 402-750-0374 or someone on the council.

### Please remember in your prayers...

- Shirley Zacherson
- Tammy Koepsell, Wendy Colson & Eric Richert's sister
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter



**Thank you for all of the prayers!** Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew, Jacob Kander, had a brain scan that showed that his tumor had shrunk to an extremely small size, and they are saying that he is considered cancer-free. Praise the Lord!

## 719

## Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 And in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*This Tanzanian Easter hymn reminds us that the empty tomb is a message that transcends all time and culture.*

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

**C:** **Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

**M:** Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life.

**M:** The Lord is gracious and righteous!

**C:** **When I was in great need, he saved me.**

**M:** The Lord is my strength and my song;

**C:** **He has become my salvation.**

**M:** Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

**C:** **The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

*After a brief introduction the congregation sings...*

**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.**

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Jonah 2:2-9

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**PSALM 118** (pg. 9) *Pastor sings verses, congregation sings refrains*

### SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia. (1 Corinthians 15:22)

### GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**HYMN:** CWS 719 (verses 1-4) (pg. 10) **Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

### SERMON

**HYMN:** CWS 719 (verse 5)

**Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**

## Psalm 118

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He gives us the vic - to - ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

*Psalm Tone*



The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

“The LORD’S right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

### *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

**M:** Jesus has completed his mission—he has forgiven the sins of the world. We rejoice that through faith that forgiveness is ours.

**C:** **Confident of our forgiveness and God’s power working in us, our mission is clear: We dedicate ourselves... to REACH all the world with the Gospel of Jesus. to TEACH all according to His saving Word, and to REJOICE in the salvation that Christ has won for us all.**

**THE BLESSING**

**M:** Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may He preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God’s people say, “AMEN!”

**C:** **AMEN!**

**M:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN: CW 152 (verses 1-5) I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

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**\*\* Spring Cleanup Day \*\***

Our annual Spring indoor and outdoor cleaning will be on Saturday - **April 22nd - 8:30 am** until we finish. Please bring lawn rakes, shovels, pails, tarps, and rags. Cleaning supplies will be at church. If you can’t make it on Saturday, but would still like to help out, there is a cleaning list posted by the north doors.

This is a great opportunity to work together and show the neighborhood the love we have for our God as we show them how much we care for his house.

**OFFERING** *(As the offering is gathered the choir will sing)*

Alleluia! Jesus lives!	Alleluia! Jesus lives!
Alleluia! Jesus lives!	Alleluia! Heavenly choirs
Won the battle glorious!	Joyfully their voices raise!
From the gloomy vault of death	Let all people here below
He hath come victorious,	Blend with theirs our song of praise.
Alleluia! Jesus lives!	Alleluia! Jesus lives!
Glory to the risen One!	Glory to the risen One!

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C:** **Christ is risen!**

**M:** For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C:** **He is risen indeed!**

**M:** He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**C:** **Alleluia!**

**M:** We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**C:** **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C:** **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

**M:** With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan’s head and have removed our guilt.

**C:** **You are risen!**

**M:** Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**C: You are risen indeed!**

**M:** Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**C: Alleluia!**

**M:** Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

**M:** Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C: He is risen!**

**M:** As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

**M:** Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**M:** O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**HYMN:** CWS 752 (see insert)

**In Christ Alone**

### CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Calvary Creed*

**I believe that almost two thousand years ago, there lived a man such as the world had never seen before and has never seen since. He was God the Son who became a human being, at times not making full use of his divine power, and at times shaking off his human limitations, but always obeying God's law perfectly.**

**I believe that he was put through a mockery of a trial, unjustly sentenced, and quickly put to death in order to get him out of the way.**

**I believe that he died on a cross, and his body was laid in a borrowed tomb, which was sealed and guarded.**

**I believe that on the morning of the third day after his death, his friends came, intending to take care of his lifeless body, but instead found an empty tomb, because he had risen from the grave.**

**I believe that he showed himself alive to his followers on a number of occasions, convincing them all, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he was alive.**

**I believe that his death paid the price for my sins and the world's sins, and that his resurrection has opened the door of eternal life to me and all who believe in him.**

**I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior, that he is living and ruling forever, and that because of his life, death and resurrection, I, too, shall rise from the grave and live forever with him! Amen.**

### DEPART IN PEACE

**M:** We are once again renewed by the message of the resurrection. Our living and victorious Savior Jesus is our strength as we live in this sinful world, and will one day take us to our heavenly home. Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**