



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

REACH, TEACH, REJOICE!

April 8, 2018



*We're delighted you've chosen to worship with us this morning. At St. Mark it's our commitment to you that we faithfully proclaim God's Word so that your faith may grow during your time with us. Our goal is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of what He has done for us. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you have.*

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- **Ushers and Greeters** are available in the narthex (entryway) to answer any questions you may have and offer you any assistance you may need.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the sanctuary.
- **We love having children** in worship and encourage them to sing and pray along with their parents. **Children's Bulletins and Busy Bags** are available in the entryway for your family to use. If your child becomes a bit restless during the service and you think they could use a break, we have a **Nursery Space** in the church office that you can use. An usher can guide you there.
- **Friendship Cards** are found in the racks of each pew. We ask that during the offering you fill out a card that we may have a record of your visit and get to know you a little bit better.

#### **OUR THEME FOR TODAY – *Worry is Defeated***

God speaks. What an incredible thing! The one and only Deity that exists speaks to us! And not only does he speak, but he commands. As the Almighty shares his will with us on Mt. Sinai, there is no doubt that he is serious about ALL of his Word. Jesus, the son of the Almighty, feels the same. So we, too, take his Word ever so seriously. Both its condemnation and its comfort, its threats and its promises.

# DIVINE SERVICE II

HYMN: CW 150

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia**

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Mark 10:47*

*Kyrie*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

**GLORY BE TO GOD**

*Luke 2:14*

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*Brief introduction precedes the song.*

**All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.

You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 26:19-29

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

### HYMN: CW 162

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

### SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



HYMN: CWS 719

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Music is found in the insert*

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

*The Nicene Creed*

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE SACRAMENT

We follow the historic Christian practice of *close communion*. We ask that only members of St. Mark Lutheran or one of our sister congregations partake of the sacrament. If you are not a member, please speak to the pastor before communing.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*Brief introduction precedes the song*

**O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage— Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, our Savior declared death's reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete.

We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son. We marvel at the depth of your love. We stand in awe of your power. We are humbled by the compassion you have shown our fallen race.

Lead us to rejoice in the pardon offered and sealed in this Sacrament and to live a life worthy of your name. The Lord Jesus lives! Alleluia.

C: **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

*Agnus Dei*



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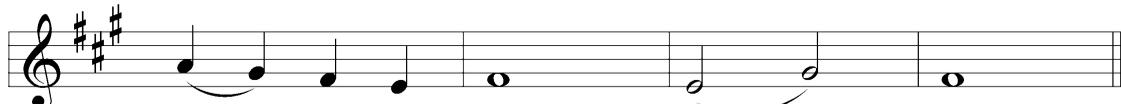
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grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: CW 165

O Sons and Daughters of the King

## SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

*Nunc Dimittis*

*Brief organ introduction precedes the song*

**O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN:** CW 143 (verses 1-3)

**He's Risen, He's Risen**

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## Serving in God's House Today

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**Greeter:** Lori Meyer (L)

**Organist:** Cindy Krushenisky

## Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

Worship Attendance Last Week: 165

Home	\$6,812.50	Missions	\$375.00
Building Fund	\$301.00	Building Addition	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$1,674.00	NELHS Gen.	\$110.00
NELHS Roof	\$100.00	Science Camp	\$76.44

Total Offering— \$10,448.94