

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
welcomes you!

April 7,
2024



The Second
Sunday of
Easter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (*1st Saturdays - Chapel*)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

in-person & streaming

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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PLEASE wear a **mask/face** covering *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

To parents with small children: We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! “*Quiet Bags*” (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

Parish Hall and Restrooms are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

Assistive listening devices and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

PRELUDE

"Wine of Peace"

by C. Camilleri

WELCOME *Please STAND as you are able*

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!

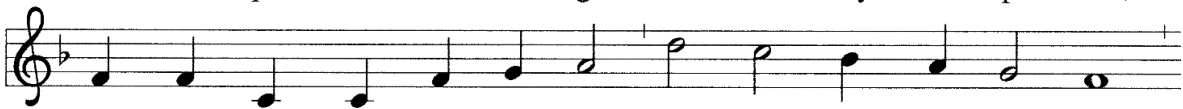
GATHERING HYMN

"Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ELW 363



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

Refrain S 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

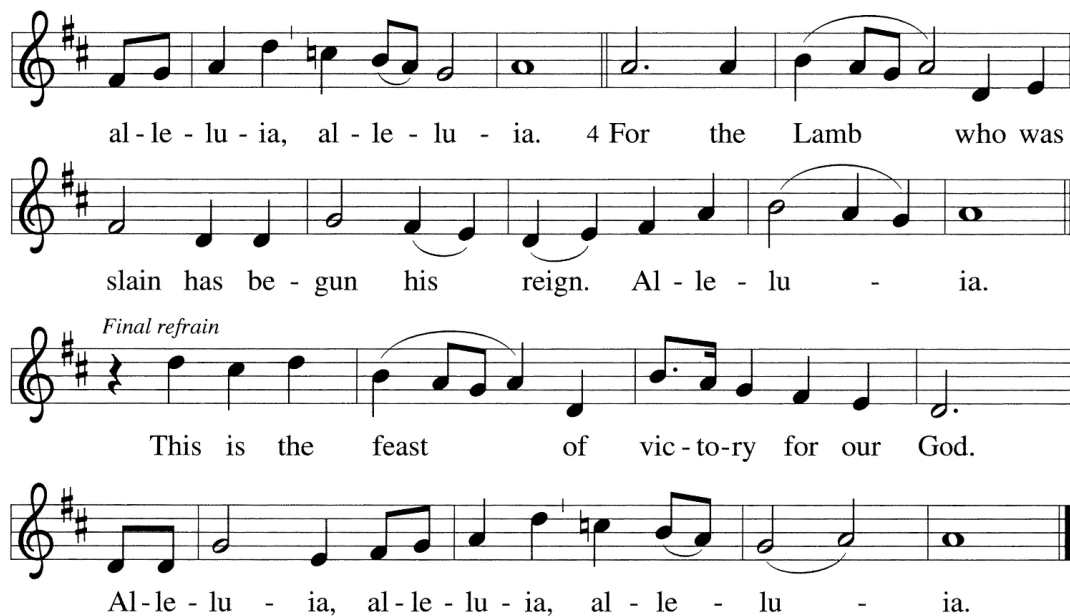
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

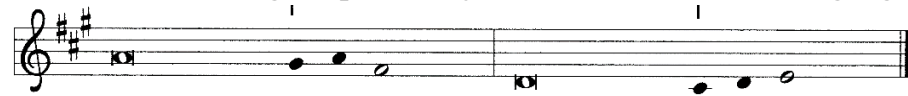
WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133 *sung responsively between choir and congregation by whole verse*



¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is,

when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

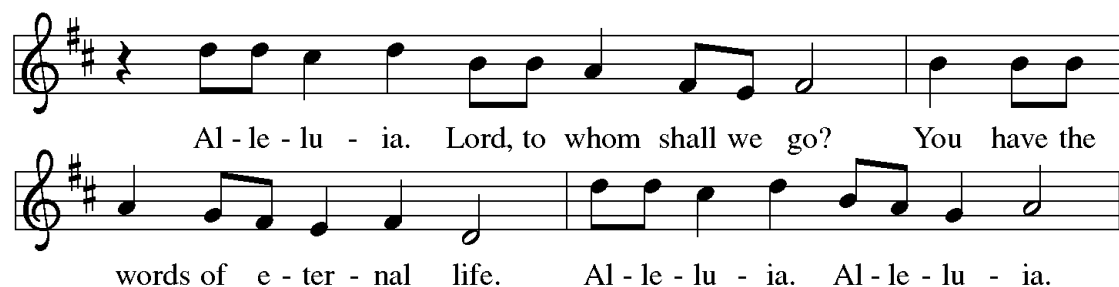
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my

side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Please SIT.*

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Sons and Daughters"

ELW 386

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing

with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:

to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 2 When Thomas fir-st the tid-ings heard, that they had se-en the ris-en Lord,
He doubted th-e disci-ples' word. Alleluia!
- 3 "My piercèd si-de, O Tho-mas, see, and look up-on my ha-nds, my feet;
Not faithless, bu-t belie-ving be." Alleluia!
- 4 No longer Tho-mas the-n denied; he saw the fe-et, the ha-nds, the side;
"You are my Lo-rd and Go-d!" he cried. Alleluia!
- 5 How blest are the-y who ha-ve not seen, and yet whose fai-th has con-stant been,
For they eter-nal li-fe shall win. Alleluia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

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 INTERCESSION *The names of those for whom we pray aloud are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the Mark Times newsletter. The response to God of grace, is **Hear our prayer...***

Eleanor Benton, **Al** Boxdorfer, **Toni** Brendel, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Mary** Hill,
Bruce Martens, **Greg** Martens, **Dwight** Ness, **Mae** Newsome, **Kim** Palmer, **Marilyn** Robinson,
Larry Shurtleff, **Cohen** Summers, **Carol** Weshinskey, & **Barb** Wurdinger

MEAL

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Please be respectful to those who wish to do so from a distance. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments*

Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.

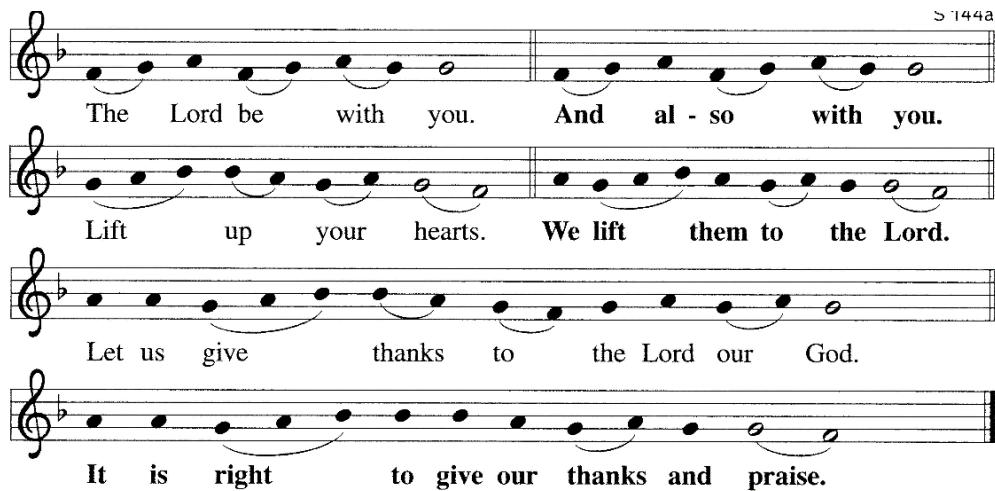
CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" by Mark Shepperd

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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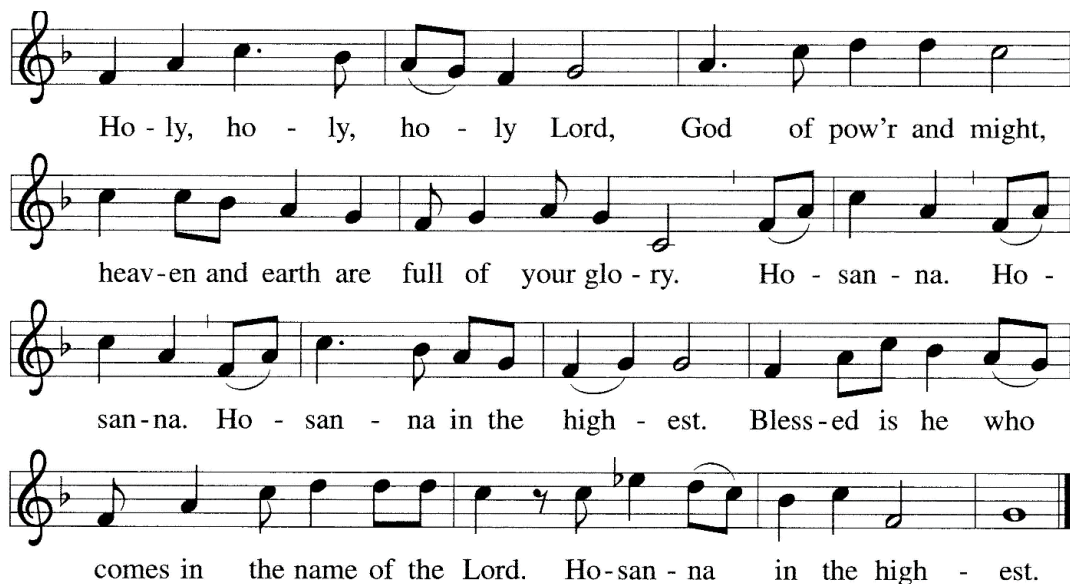
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right...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. 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 in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *contemporary*

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Please SIT*

Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, **we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.** At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✘ After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.
- ✘ You may return to your seat after communing.
- ✘ Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.
- ✘ Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.
- ✘ If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.

SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright”

ELW 384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to
sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther
eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

ELW 373



- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav’ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun’s e - clipse is o’er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv’n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow’r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

*After the distribution is complete, please **STAND** as you are able for the blessing.*

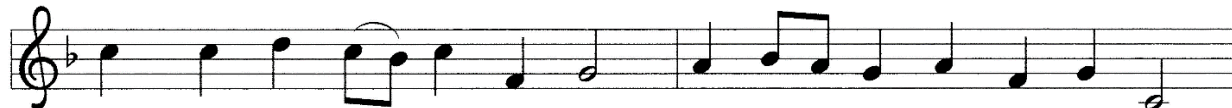
TABLE BLESSING

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts”

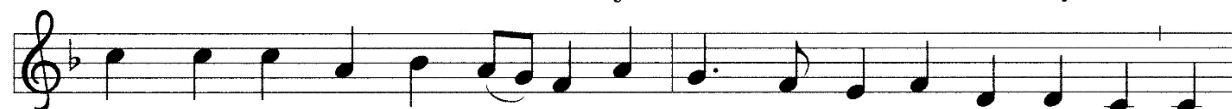
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Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - ’ry - one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ’s ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... **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. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power and unending joy – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

ELW 364



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
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.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
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.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
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.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there.”

Refrain →

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.
 He has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.
 Even the battle with sin is won.”

Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
 Alleluia, to him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

by B. Marcello

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Sherri Foppe

Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel + **Lector:** Jan Litherland + **Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow

Trained Responder: Cathie Shurtleff + **Livestream Camera:** TBD

Ushers: Frank Dressel & Jason Martens + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

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MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for April 7, 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 4/8: 9:00AM Health & Wellness Meeting – Conference room
Wednesday, 4/10: 11:45AM Ladies Luncheon at Fletcher's
Thursday, 4/11: 1:30PM Evangelism Committee Meeting — Conference Room
6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:15PM Voice Choir Rehearsal

Adult Forum: “Doubting” Thomas

Every year on the Sunday after Easter we hear the Gospel story about “Doubting Thomas.” Today in the education hour we will show a video from the *Great Figures of the New Testament* series, in which Professor Amy-Jill Levine will tell us more about this perhaps most misunderstood apostle.

New Trash Can

Weather permitting, today after worship we will gather over in the big parking lot to dedicate a newly installed industrial trash can in memory of Don Muller. Many thanks to Frank Dressel for acquiring the can, and to Frank and Keith Kniepkamp for pouring the pad and installing the can, and to Don's family and friends for the donations to make this possible. Don was a dedicated caretaker of the grounds around the church, and it is our hope that the new can will help keep trash where it belongs.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

All St. Mark ladies are invited to join the new “Lunch Bunch” at Fletcher's Restaurant (6101 West Main Street, Belleville) on **Wednesday, April 10** from **11:45A-1:00P**. To guarantee seating, please **RSVP to Tina Partelow** at 618-406-8874 or tinapartelow@hotmail.com by Tuesday, April 9.

Second Sunday Food Collection

NEXT Sunday, April 14 is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and for April we ask folks to bring **peanut butter and jelly** and **soups**; please place them in the big basket as you come into church.

Easter Flowers

Those who ordered flowers to help decorate the altar may take them home following today's service. Thank you to all who donated and who set up the lovely display!



Mark Times Newsletter Deadline

The Mark Times Newsletter is printed on Thursday each week. The deadline to add announcements to the newsletter is by Wednesday the week *prior* to the Sunday it needs to be included.

St. Mark Offerings for 3/31: General Fund: **\$3,140.11** (*incl. online offerings received by 4/5*); Food Pantry: \$19; Flowers: \$40; Sandy Purdy Memorial: \$30

SAVE THE DATE: April 27 BEACON Trivia Night

This year's theme is "ALMOST ANYTHING GOES." Each round will be a new subject. Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex and the Parish Hall; you may also sign up by contacting Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148. Now through April 10, seats are just \$15 per person. Payment can be made to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens with checks payable to BEACON Ministry. *New this year: pay via PayPal at [paypal.me/BeaconMinistry](https://www.paypal.me/BeaconMinistry)*

St. Mark would love to have 2 teams participate again this year! Team members do not need to be members of St. Mark, so grab a friend or two!

St. Augustine of Canterbury - 1910 West Belle, Belleville, IL 62226

Doors open: 6:15PM; Game starts: 7:00PM

Admission: \$15 per person through April 10 (\$20 per person after 4/10).

B.Y.O.S. (Bring Your Own Snacks); Beer, Wine, Soda, & Water available for purchase

SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLES AND MORE WILL ADD TO THE FUN!



Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Al Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill,
Bruce Martens, Greg Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson,
Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinskey, & Barb Wurdinger

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Taiylar Foppe,
Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber,
Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner,
Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens,
Janet Middendorf, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter,
Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Michelle Rideout, Darrell Robinson,
Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep,
Ingrid Thompson, Toni Walston, Kris Whitley, Louise Wilson, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf,
Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Members who celebrate birthdays this week

Jan Dressel (4/8), Braden Valerius (4/9), Greg Guenther (4/13)

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones

The family and friends of **Aurelia "Sis" Bain** (3/27)

Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Quapaw and Myaamia peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.