

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
welcomes you!

April 5,
2026



The
Resurrection
of Our Lord –
Easter Day

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1ST SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30AM

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THE REV. RONALD C. NEUSTADT, PASTOR EMERITUS

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- + **To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshipping 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 use the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is audible over the speakers).
 - + An **accessible Restroom** is available off the Welcome Area/Narthex next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level. **Parish Hall and additional Restrooms** are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. 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.
 - + **Land Acknowledgement:** This church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the **Quapaw, Myaamia, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo** peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and still call this land home.

GATHERING

Please STAND as you are able

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Based on Acts 10:34-43*

You know the message God sent to all through the people of Israel.

It is a message of peace by Jesus Christ, who has been made Lord of all.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.

He was put to death on the cross but God raised him up on the third day.

He then appeared to many witnesses and commanded them to preach to everyone
and 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.**

Today we gather in his name.

Today we bless God for the salvation freely offered to us in Jesus Christ!

GATHERING HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW 365

**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!** *Musical Interlude*

**3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!** *Musical Interlude*

**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!**

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!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

ELW 140

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,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

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.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

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

S102

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel... as recorded by the apostle Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please SIT*

SERMON

“He is Risen – and So are We”

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

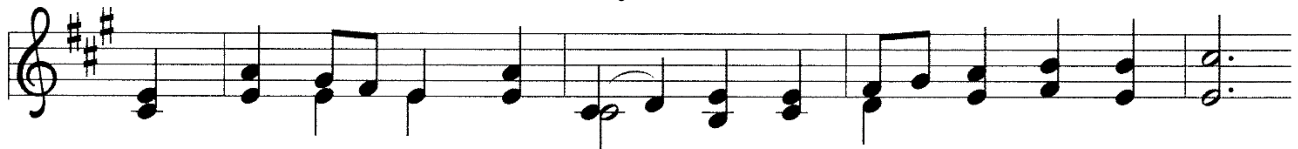


Following the sermon, please **STAND** as you are able to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Day of Resurrection”

ELW 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own “All hail!” and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - crite to God a - lone!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to “Merciful God,” is “hear our prayer.”

MEAL

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Following the Peace, you may be seated for a few moments.*

OFFERING *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.*

BELL CHOIR

“The Day of Resurrection”

Smart/Helman

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

OFFERTORY *tune "At the Lamb's High Feast"*

**At the Lamb's high fea--st we sing
praise to our victor--ious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Tune: "At the Lamb's High Feast"*



☐ May the Lord now be - - - with you. ☑ May the
Lord be with- - you too. ☐ Lift your hearts un- to the Lord.
☑ Thanks and praise we give our God! Al- le- lu- ia!

tune: "At the Lamb's High Feast"

**Praise we Christ, whose lo--ve divine
gives his sacred blo--od for wine,
gives his body for the feast
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

Facing death, Christ to--ok the bread, + gave thanks, broke it, an-d he- said: "Take my body, giv'n for you; dwell on me in all you do." Alleluia!

Later Jesus to--ok the cup; praising God, + he rai-sed it up: "Take my blood that testifies your forgiveness; you shall rise." Alleluia!

**Now no more can dea--th appall,
now no more the gra--ve enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Eas--ter joy
this alone can si--n destroy.
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**



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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

LAMB OF GOD *tune: "At the Lamb's High Feast"*

Lamb of God, you ta---ke away

sin from the whole wor--ld. We pray:

give us mercy, risen Lord;

grant your peace to all the world. Alleluia!

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.*

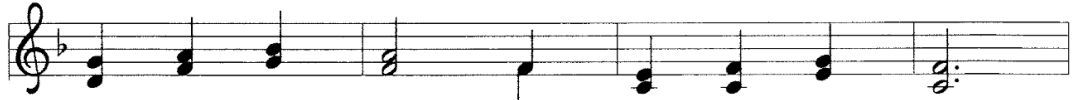
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SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” ELW 364



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.



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.



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.



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



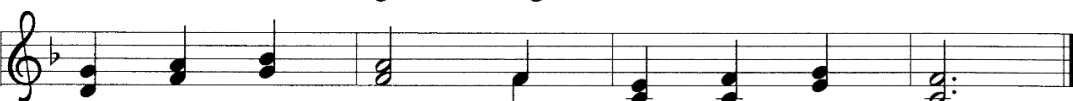
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



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!

- 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.”
- 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

Refrain

After the distribution is complete, the assembly **STANDS** 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 & Voices Raise” ELW #204



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... Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“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!

DISMISSAL

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

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Sinfonia from Cantata 29”

J.S. Bach

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribout

Crucifer: Greg Martens + **Lector:** Charlie Duncan + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

Chalice Bearer & Tech Minister: Mike Murakami

Safety Volunteer: Jan Richards + **Ushers:** Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Ken Augustine, Eleanor Benton, Mary Boxdorfer, Rob Buck, Gary Dozier, Charlie Duncan, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage, Michael Foppe, Greg Guenther, Morris Kugler, Diane Maes, Bruce Martens, Lucy Montgomery, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Bert Alvarez, Stellamarie Bearth, John Belz, Jim Boeving, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Glenna Hamilton, Andrea Hendrix, Jamie House, Jimmy Jurgens, Austin Lickenbrock, Dusty Little, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Don McCoy, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Lana Perry, Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Jerry Robbins, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Tom Stookey, Ingrid Thompson, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson, Molly Witherell, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation’s Military

Ethan Collins, Tom Fox, Taiylar Foppe Merrel, Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie, Amy Morgan

Members celebrating birthdays this week

Bethany Thilmont (4/5), Jan Dressel (4/8), and Braden Valerius (4/9)

St. Mark Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Administrative Assistant: Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler

Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Ronald C. Neustadt

MARK TIMES

News & Notes for April 5, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 6:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:30PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Wednesday, April 8:	9:30AM	Evangelism/Social Ministry meeting – conference rm
	11:00AM	Joint Use Taskforce – CR
	12:00PM	Ladies Lunch Bunch at Tavern on Main
Thursday, April 9:	4:15PM	Chancel choir rehearsal
	6:00PM	Bell choir rehearsal
Saturday, April 11:	9:00AM	Property work day



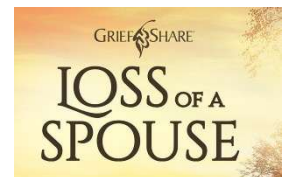
Easter THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this Holy Week so beautiful and meaningful! From those who cleaned and decorated, to those who donated flowers (be sure to take them with you after worship), to those who assisted in worship leadership, and to those who served in our choirs and as musicians! Because of you this day is positively **radiant!** Christ is risen indeed!

GriefShare: *Loss of a Spouse* Event on April 18

People who are widowed haven't just lost a **loved one**; they've lost an *entire lifestyle*. This one-day, two-hour session GriefShare session hopes to offer support, clarity, and peace during this unsettling time.

You will meet people who understand what you are going through in a safe space to talk, be encouraged, and connect. This 2-hour seminar includes a short video featuring expert Christian counselors, authors, and pastors, followed by small-group discussion.

Join St. Mark's special session, led by Nurse Becky, on **Saturday, April 18** from **1–3 PM** in the **Parish Hall**. The free event includes a video, group discussion, and a Survival Guide. Pre-registration is required at <https://find.griefshare.org/events/290253>



Food Pantry Collection Sunday

NEXT Sunday, April 12, is our **monthly food collection** for our pantry. We're requesting donations of **peanut butter and jelly, small bottles of dish and laundry soap, and/or personal items** such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and shampoo.

Lenten Noisy/Not-So-Noisy Change Offering

THANK YOU to all who gave up "noisy and not so noisy change" for this year's Lenten project! The **\$565** donated will help several Franklin School families with past due book fees.

Beacon Warehouse Workday - SAVE THE DATE! April 18th 10am to 1pm

Many have heard me say the new BEACON Warehouse coordinator, Kathy Sisco, is awesome! She has been picking up and delivering furniture and household items several times a week, often by herself or with just one other person. Several St. Mark folks have helped with pickups and deliveries - to each of them, Mike Stidman, Mark Waltz, Kathy, and I say THANK YOU!

As one can imagine, Kathy can't keep everything organized *and* do pickups and deliveries. She's trying to do it all – which is where St. Mark members can help on **Saturday, April 18 from 10:00am-1:00pm**. Help is needed to organize the warehouse to improve the furniture pickup and delivery process. Individuals are needed to lift furniture, sort and label bedframes and mattresses. Individuals who are limited in lifting can assist with organizing dishes, pots and pans, and other light weight items. Everything can't be done in one day but God knows how much can be done when we all work together!

A volunteer sheet is in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall! Please sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 hours.

Please feel free to contact me at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com if you have any questions! - Sherri Foppe, Evangelism/Social Ministry Team Lead

Joint Service April 26 at 10AM

You won't want to miss our annual joint service to celebrate the feast days of St. Mark (4/25) and St. George (4/23) on **Sunday, April 26 at 10:00AM**. A joint coffee & fellowship hour follows the service.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

For April's gathering, the LLB will meet **Wednesday, April 8 at 12 noon at Tavern on Main** (301 East Main, Belleville). **Call Cindy Collingham at 816-387-3302 with questions or to reserve a spot.**

St. Mark Offerings for 3/29: General Fund: **\$1,859.66**; Noisy Offering: \$195.99; Food Pantry: \$50; Easter Flowers: \$60



Easter Flower Donations and Memorials

Given By:	In Memory of or Thanksgiving for:	Given By:	In Memory of or Thanksgiving for:
Anonymous		Mary Hill	Larry Hill
Patty & Mark Bearth		Linda Ness	Dwight Ness
Charlie & Evelyn Duncan		Pastor Brian & Patricia Robison	Casimir & Dolly Orzel
Kathy Evans	Wil & Jean Martens	Bonnie & Mike Schaefer	Wurdinger Family
Nancy & Greg Guenther	Family	Mary Skifton	Frank, Lucille, & Al Nork, Marylou Kackmann, and Lenny Mueller