ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

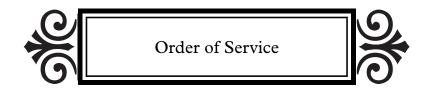
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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

HOLY COMMUNION Lutheran Book of Worship Setting Two

> APRIL 20, 2025 8:00AM & 10:30AM



WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our mission: To know Christ and to make Christ Known

INTRODUCTION TO EASTER WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Today, we gather in joy to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. Our readings proclaim the heart of our faith: Peter's testimony in Acts declares that Jesus is Lord of all, the fulfillment of God's promise to bring salvation to the world. The psalm celebrates God's steadfast love and the joy of this day. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians that Christ's resurrection is the beginning of our own, securing the hope of eternal life. In the Gospel of Luke, the women at the tomb discover that Jesus is no longer among the dead but has risen. As we worship this morning, we rejoice in Christ's triumph and the promise of new life for all who believe. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

THE PRELUDE

Zadok the Priest Trumpet Tune George Handel (1685-1759) Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

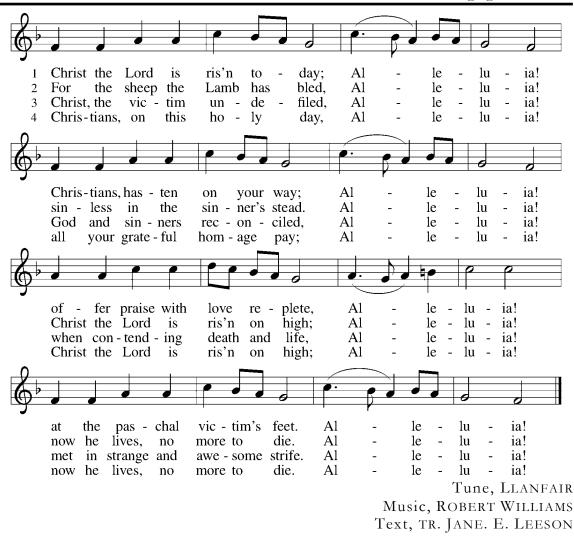
George Frideric Handel and Jeremiah Clarke were both influential Baroque composers, though their careers followed different trajectories, and there is no known direct connection between them. Handel, a German-born composer who became a dominant figure in English music, is best known for his operas, oratorios (Messiah), and royal ceremonial works (Zadok the Priest). His music shaped the development of choral and orchestral traditions, leaving a lasting legacy in both sacred and secular realms. Clarke, an English composer and organist, was highly regarded for his trumpet music, particularly Trumpet Tune and Prince of Denmark's March, which became staples of royal and ceremonial occasions. While Clarke's influence was more localized to English court and church music, both composers contributed to the grandeur and ceremonial power of Baroque music, emphasizing bold harmonies, regal melodies, and dramatic contrasts that continue to inspire musicians today.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Congregation stands

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen. Congregation Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Pastor In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. Congregation Amen. Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live Pastor the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, Congregation Make us one as you are one. Pastor We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, Congregation Make us one as you are one. We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open Pastor the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, Congregation Make us one as you are one. Pastor Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Congregation Amen.

AT THE PROCESSION



THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Pastor communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation And also with you.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Congregation	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Pastor	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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation	Amen.

(The Congregation may be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

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 him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 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 he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We 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."

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

THE PSALM

* O O Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good; his mercy en- | dures forever. Let Israel | now proclaim, "His mercy en- | dures forever." The Lord is my strength | and my song, and he has become | my salvation. There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory in the tents | of the righteous: "The right hand of the | Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the | Lord has triumphed!" I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the Lord. The Lord has pun- | ished me sorely, but he did not hand me o- | ver to death. Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the Lord. "This is the gate | of the Lord; he who is right- | eous may enter." I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me and have become | my salvation. The same stone which the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone. This is | the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous | in our eyes. On this day the | Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

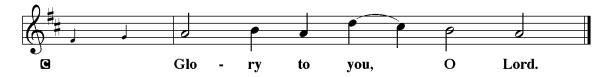
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Congregation stands

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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.



PASTOR BRIAN D. VASEY

THE HYMN OF THE DAY



Tune, EASTER HYMN Music, J. WALSH Text, Latin carol, 14th century

THE NICENE CREED

Pastor	Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
Congregation	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:
	by the power of the Holy Spirit
	he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
	and was made man.
	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.
	With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
	glorified.
	He has spoken through the prophets.
	We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(after each petition) Pastor God of grace Congregation Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always. Congregation And also with you.

All may greet one another with these or similar words and gestures of peace.

(The Congregation may be seated following the peace)

CHORAL RESPONSE

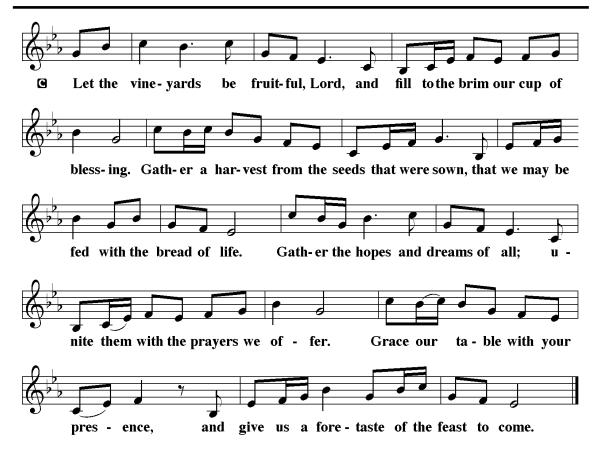
FOR the beauty of the earth For the beauty of the skies For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise!

For the beauty of the hour Of the day and of the night Hill and vale and tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of light Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise! For the joy of human love Brother, sister, parent, child Friends on earth and friends above For all gentle thoughts and mild Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise!

For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given Graces human and divine Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise!

> Text, F.S. PIERPOINT Music, JOHN RUTTER

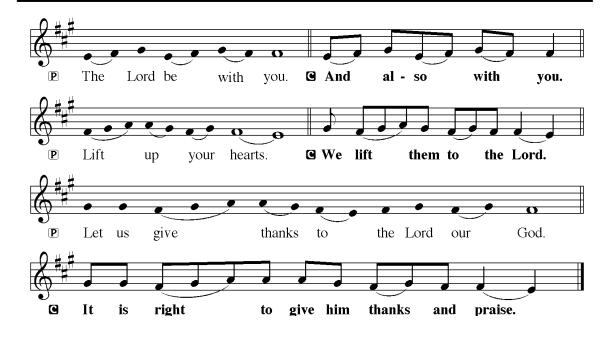
THE OFFERING



THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

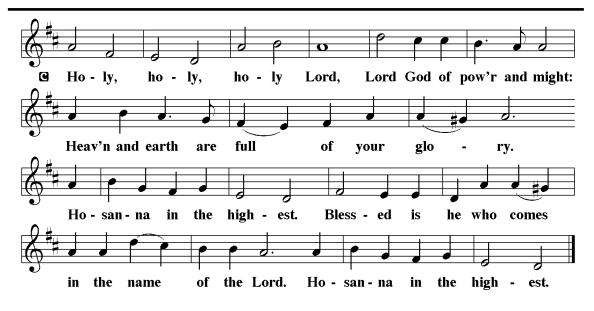
Congregation Amen.



THE PREFACE

Pastor It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

> And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

> 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Congregation Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Congregation Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

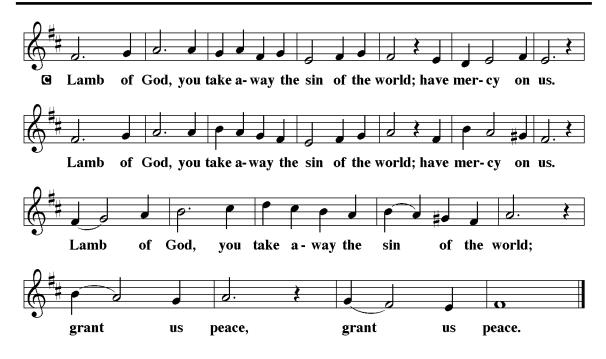
Pastor Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Congregation Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Pastor Rejoicing in Christ who has come among us, let pray as our Savior taught us:
- Congregation 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.

THE AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. *Congregation* Amen.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Use the center aisle, pick up a small glass on the way. Receive the bread and then proceed to receive the wine by way of a pouring chalice. After communing return to your pew using a side aisle. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only the wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only the bread.

(The congregation may be seated)

Pastor The body and blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Congregation Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Congregation Amen

THE BLESSING

- Pastor God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who was, who is, and who is to come, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
- Congregation Amen

AT THE SENDING



Tune, MORGENLIED Music, FREDERICK C. MAKER Text, JOHN S. B. MONSELL PastorGo in peace. Serve the Lord.CongregationThanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

LOUIS VIERNE (1870-1937)

Louis Vierne was a towering figure in French organ music, serving as the principal organist at Notre-Dame de Paris for 37 years and composing some of the most expressive and technically demanding works for the instrument. A student of César Franck and Charles-Marie Widor, Vierne expanded the French symphonic organ tradition, blending rich harmonic colors, sweeping melodic lines, and dramatic contrasts. His compositions, particularly his six Organ Symphonies, remain central to the organ repertoire.

One of his most famous pieces, **Carillon de Westminster** originated as an improvisation, showcasing his remarkable ability to spontaneously develop complex musical ideas. Vierne took the famous Westminster chimes—the melody associated with Big Ben—and transformed them into a grand and virtuosic organ work. Recognizing the strength of the improvisation, he later wrote it down and refined it into the final version, which builds from a simple statement of the chime motif into a swirling, triumphant toccata. This ability to craft intricate, spontaneous music was a hallmark of Vierne's artistry and contributed to his lasting influence in the world of organ composition.

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION CONTINUES

WORSHIP LEADERS, 8:00am Lector: Drew Haussmann Communion Assistants: Becky Pryor Organist: Samuel Robinson Ushers: Herb Poff and Dick Miller

WORSHIP LEADERS, 10:30am Lector: Karen Mariano Communion Assistants: Shelby and Gary Weber Organist: Samuel Robinson Ushers: Matt Fortin, Glenn Yaple, and Mel Wentzel

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EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND IN MEMORY OF

Eugene and Reba Jacobs, by Linda Rosini and Dr. John Holly Carlson Forrest and Margaret Klinger, by Ron and Donna Baker James W. Buckman, by his family Bill and Prudy Poff, by Steve and Candy Dewar and Herb Poff Jack and Eleanor Whiting, by Steve and Candy Dewar and Herb Poff Jack and Margaret Dewar, by Steve and Candy Dewar Francis Bigelow, our father, by Matt and Wanda Fortin Paul E. Robinson, by Samuel Robinson Ray Kinney, our father, and Carol Smith, our mother, by Miles and Jackie Kinney G Glenn Good and Dorothy Good, my parents, and G. Edward Good, my brother by Jane Kline Bob Todd, husband, and Margaret Thoman, mother, by Cindy Todd Robert Furman, by Theresa Furman Bob and Shirley Campbell, by Robert Campbell and Cathy Fenderson Josephine and Allen Malick, and Julia and Phillip Williams, by Cheryl Williams Anna Poliska, George Poliska Sr., and Kay Poliska, by George Poliska Peter Zeigler, by the Newcomer family Our loved ones, by the Newcomer family Robert and Anna Kuntz, parents, William and Helen Kennedy, parents, and Marty Kuntz, son, by Charles and Ann Kuntz Edward Sr. and Mary Gair, by Ed and Brenda Gair Charlotte E. Reitz, my wife, by Richard A. Reitz Shirley and Bob Miller, by family and friends William Hill, my husband, by Shirley Hill Betty Ann and Wayne Braden, and Elda and Ralph Zeigler, our parents by Lou Ann and Ralph Zeigler Peter Zeigler, by his family

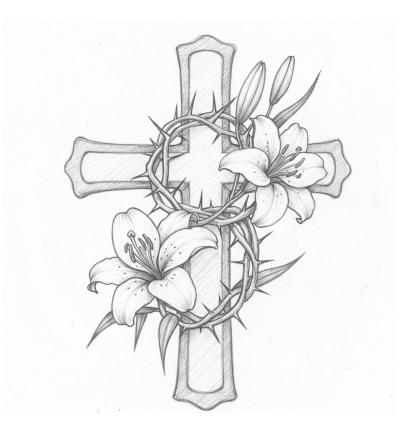
Barbara Zeigler McCullough, by the Zeigler family
James and Virginia Huff, and Lawrence and Luella Bair, our parents, by Ray and Cindy Huff
Our parents, by Phil and Barb Thomas
Marion and Bill Waldeisen, by Wendy Hooper
Gwyn Rees, Lisa Rees, John Rees, and Harry and Ruth Ulmer, by Ruth U. Rees
Roxie Larson, our aunt, by her nieces and nephews
Beryl Howard, my mother, by Roxie Gohring
Frederick and Marion Larson, by the grandchildren
Our parents, by Thomas and Becky Miller Pryor
Paul and Max, our fathers, by Gary and Shelby Weber
Emily and Wilson Doebler; Jane and James Horner; and Elizabeth and Heinrich Waffenschmidt, by Walter Doebler

AND IN HONOR OF

Ren Hoolihan, by her great-grandmother Deb Buckman
Dallas, Finley, and Alba Hanford, our grandchildren, by Matt and Wanda Fortin
The Ralph Zeigler family, by Jane Kline
The Zeigler family, by the Newcomer family
Our families, by the Newcomer family
Grant Rees, and the Haussmann family, by Ruth U. Rees
Ruth and Gloria, our mothers, by Gary and Shelby Weber
Gabriella Gregory, Annika Waffenschmidt, and Makensi Doebler, by Walter Doebler

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