

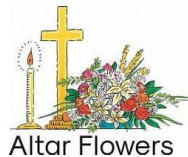
St. Mark's Mission Statement
"United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God's love."

Church Calendar April 21, 2024 – April 28, 2024

- Today** - Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m.
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday** - Yoga at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Handbell Quartet Practice at 6:00 p.m.
- Handbell Practice at 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Memorial Service for Marcette Danner

Serving Today

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| Acolyte: | Riley Feathers |
| Lector: | Winnie Wilhelm |
| Music Directors: | Debi and Sean Beachy |
| Organist: | Mike Broderick |
| Flower Distributor: | Liz Lewis |
| Recording: | Renate Brown |
| Safekeeper: | Liz Lewis |
| Ushers: | Paul Lewis, Capt, Liz Lewis, Bob Dempsey, Dave Hoff |



The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Marcette Danner's birthday, April 27th by Lowell Leitzel.



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.
Our Daily Ministers are The People of St. Mark's
Reverend Thomas Omholt, Interim Pastor
Vicar Carrie Hoff, Intern*

WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

**** INVOCATION**

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

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with
Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.

Amen.

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“ Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! ”

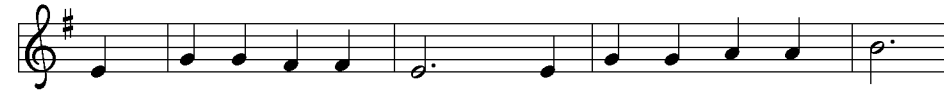
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No. 369

**** GREETING**

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.

**** KYRIE**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**** CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us Pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

PSALM: Psalm 23

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**** GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

SERMON

Vicar Carrie Hoff

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 502

“ The King of Love My Shepherd Is ”

**** 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**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our
church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal
partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers,
conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may
be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and
listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such
power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of
domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide
communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from
things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are
lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith (*including Anselm of Canterbury and all who
labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel*). Strengthen us to share the good
news in our own day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding
love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“ Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You ”

**** OFFERTORY HYMN**

No. 184

“ Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ”

**** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. 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.**

**** LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**** BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“ God Be with You Till We Meet Again ”

**** DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

No. 536



Prayer Requests

Illness: Marjorie Yellets, Anita Scheffel, Jeremy Lewis, Joy, Susanne Roszell, Samantha, Gary, Thomas Lewis, Mary Ellen Lewis, Kay Royce, the Royal UK family, Viola Bennett, Lois (Filemyr) Garland, Gary Thompson, Amie

Special Needs: Ray Mattingly, Fay Reniker, Joshua, Dennis

****Please let the office know when names on these lists can be removed.**

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 28

Sunday, May 5

Sunday, May 19

Funeral Service for Marcette Danner
Farm to Table to Trash after service
with Mary & Marty Reisinger
Pentecost Sunday with Confirmation
with Coffee Hour

Announcements

Directory Update

We are working on updating the directory, so if you have any changes or would like to include an updated photo, please send it to Ellda. If you haven't filled out a members contact form within the last year, please find one in the narthex. If you don't have access or don't remember how to get into the online directory, please reach out to Ellda.

Farm to Table to Trash – Breaking the Cycle

One third of the food produced in the US is thrown away. Join us on two Sundays to explore the problem and learn about solutions and approaches we can all take to reduce food waste and become better stewards of our “daily bread.” And...enjoy a meal together. Lunch is free, but please sign up in the narthex or call the church office. Sunday, May 5, 11:30p-1:30p. This is the second half of the presentation, but still lots of information to be shared!

Marty & Mary Reisinger

Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of St. Mark's?

Another new member class will be forming in May. If you are interested in becoming a member or if you have questions about St. Mark's, please contact Pastor Tom or Vicar Carrie.

In Memoriam of Marcette Danner

St. Mark's will be celebrating the life of Marcette Danner after worship service on Sunday, April 28. Please plan attend this ceremony as we say goodbye to a friend, talented musician, and one of our own flock. Her time and talent that she shared with this congregation has not gone unnoticed.

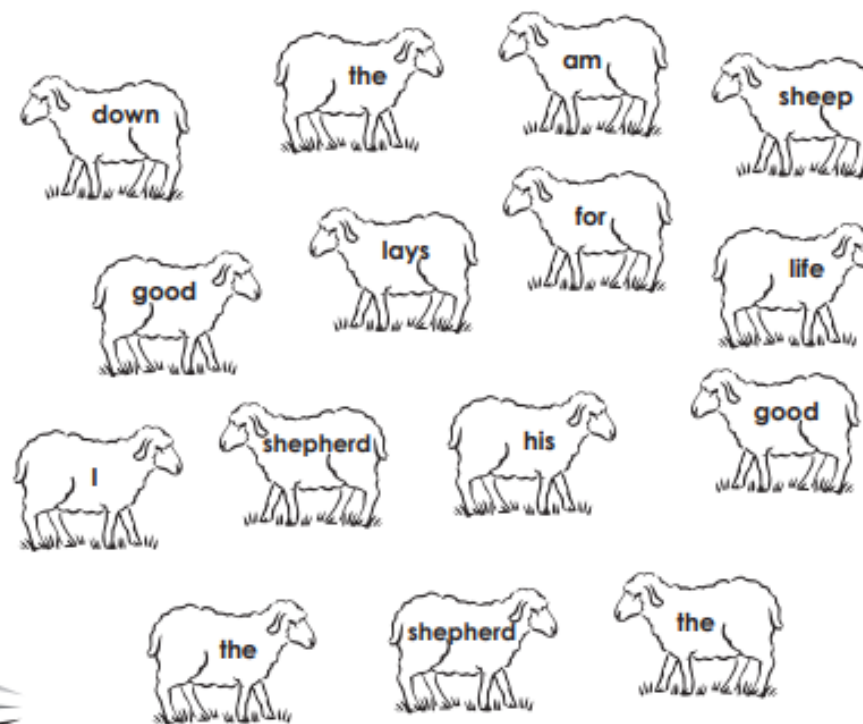
Help the shepherd put his flock back in order. Each sheep has a word of this week's memory verse, but the flock has moved around! Put the words from each sheep in the right order to discover the memory verse. Write each word in the blanks below.

Memory Verse



“ _____

_____.” —John 10:11.



Shepherding is one of the world's oldest occupations—over 6,000 years old! Shepherds spent every hour of their day watching, tending, protecting, and grooming their sheep. In Bible times, shepherds did not always have their own homes because they traveled around with their sheep.

Did You Know?

