



## ***ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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*Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.  
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Reverend Thomas Omholt, Interim Pastor  
Seminarian Carrie Hoff*

### ***WELCOME***

*We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.  
Please sign the Attendance Sheets located in the pews.*

## **May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter Order of Worship**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*\*\*Stand*

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

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **\*\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### **\*\* OPENING HYMN**

No. 369

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

#### **\*\* 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.**

Christ is Risen.  
**He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**\*\* 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**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**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)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be - <sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever. R**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**\*\* 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 10:22-30**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Seminarian Carrie Hoff**

**\*\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 854

*"Blessing and Honor"*

**\*\* APOSTLE'S 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**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation (*especially*). Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding (*as did Julian of Norwich, whom we commemorate today*). Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*" I Need Thee Every Hour "*

**\*\* OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

**\*\* OFFERING PRAYER**

Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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**

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*\* CLOSING HYMN**

*“ Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! ”*

**\*\* DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

No. 385



**May 8, 2022**

***Prayer List***

Special Occasion: Birth of Rainbow Baby Elaina Parker Daugherty

Mourning: Family and friends of Lewis Brown

Sick: Ruth Hintz, Mary, Dana, Anita Scheffel, Stephen Flitter, Ron Krug, Marion, Lois Martin

Special Needs: Frank Wilhelm, continued healing of Corey Whetzel, Peggy Jamison

*If you wish to have someone's name placed on the prayer list, please include the name on the sheet in the Narthex or call the office at 301-334-2668.*

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

**Conversation with Pastor Tom**

A second conversation with Pastor Tom will be held on Sunday, May 15, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. This will be another opportunity to share our thoughts about where we are as a congregation, and to share what is on our minds and in our hearts.

**Calling All Visitors**

Volunteers are needed to visit the sick and homebound of St. Mark's church. There will be an orientation and training session for volunteers on Sunday, May 22, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. "When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you"? The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me." Matt. 25: 39-40.

**Final Grief Study Date Change**

The conclusion to the grief study that Adult Forum has been covering the past several months will now be May 22 starting at 8:45 a.m. Hope to see you all there. The facilitator will be our very own Seminarian Carrie Hoff. The Stage is "Acceptance"

**St. Mark's Mission Statement**

"United in Christ, sharing his Good News, we invite all people to grow in God's love."

**Church Calendar May 8, 2022 – May 15, 2022**

- Today** - Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.  
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
- Worship & Music Committee following service
- Tuesday** - Yoga 6 – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.  
- Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
- Conversation With Pastor Tom during Coffee Hour

**Serving Today**

- Acolyte:
- Lector:
- Music Directors:
- Organist:
- Safekeeper:
- Ushers:

- Taylor Kitzmiller-Bosley
- David Hoff
- Debi and Sean Beachy
- Michael Broderick
- Jeff Gilbert
- Terry Savage; Capt,
- Carol Savage, Nick & Brent Bennett



The Altar flowers are donated by Jeff & Liz Gilbert  
In honor of Mothers everywhere!

