



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, April 30, 2023

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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#### INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

#### EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

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Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April Noisy Offering collection will go to the Olathe Animal Shelter , chosen by our 3 –year old to 2nd grade class.



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 619, vs 1 & 2

### I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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### Greeting page 138

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.**

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### HYMN OF PRAISE page 140

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd,  
**you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### CHOIR 'Rain Down On Me', by Schram

### First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

### **Psalm: Psalm 23**

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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

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

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

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

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

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

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.  
The Word of The Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 142

*Holy Gospel, according to John, the 10th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”



**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen  
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## **RITE FOR COMMISSIONING STEPHEN MINISTERS**

*Trish Klima*

### **PRESENTATION -**

**Leader:** Dear sister, you have been equipped to serve as a Stephen Minister at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Listen now to the words we find in scripture.

"Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward, It is the Lord Christ you are serving". (Colossians 3:23-23)

### **REQUESTS -**

**Leader:** You have been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for you. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and neighborhood who need to be comforted.

As the Lord Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to be responsive to the needs of others.

As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life. As the Lord Jesus patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.

As the Lord Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and strive to make people whole.

As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills and talents to help those people whom you serve and to pray for them. As the Lord Jesus has shown his care to you, we ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry.

As the Lord Jesus has revealed his presence to you through faith we ask you to share your personal experiences of faith with those around you so that they too may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world today.

## VOWS

**Leader:** Are you prepared to meet those requests that we ask of you?

**Answer: Yes, with the help of God.**

**Leader:** Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others--to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all their needs?

**Answer: Yes, with the help of God.**

**Leader:** *(addressing the congregation)* Now, we ask you, members of St. Mark's, to open your hearts to the ministry of Trish and to pray for her, that she may be an effective servant of Christ, Are you prepared to meet this request? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

**Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.**

**Leader:** We also ask you to accept her ministry when you need help, to allow her to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian sister. If you are prepared to meet this request, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

**Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.**

**Leader:** *(addressing the Stephen Minister trainee)* Are you prepared to serve as a Stephen Minister at St. Mark's?

**Trainees: Yes, with the help of God.**

**Leader:** Come forward now and receive a blessing.

## BLESSINGS

**Leader:** May you share Christ's ever abundant love with others so that they and you may grow in his wholeness. May the Lord Jesus, who has graciously called you his disciple, now strengthen you by his Spirit for your ministry in and to his world.

May the peace of God free you from the burdens of this life and enable you to share God's love with those around you. May you see Christ in all people and be moved by his life to care for them as you would care for Christ himself.

Our Lord Jesus touched the lives of people in many ways. May he shower his love upon you and sustain you in the ministry that lies before you.

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Know he is with you in every situation.

Blessed in the person whose strength is in Lord Jesus--may you ever find strength in him for your ministry and your life. Stand firm on the foundation of Jesus Christ, and he will be faithful to you.

Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord.

As God loved us in Jesus the Christ, may God bless you as you share with others the love you have received from God. Go out into the world in peace, have courage, and

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ you are a new creation. May his redeeming love bring you peace in your service to his people.

May God bless you richly that you might be a blessing to others, May the Lord Jesus keep you in his grace in all you do from this day forth. May the God of all peace keep you sound in body, mind, and spirit and strengthen you for the ministry to which you have been called.

May the Spirit dwell in you richly, filling you with joy and peace and courage for all your endeavors in the Lord's service. May the Lord Jesus be present with you in every place as you carry his name and serve him. May Christ, the rock of our salvation, equip you to be a living stone in all your life.

### **COMMENDATION**

**Leader:** Because you have promised faithfully to serve the Lord Jesus and his people as Stephen Ministers, I commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you in turn care for others. Work hard. Use the skills you have learned, releasing the gifts and talents the Spirit of God has given you so that you might be a blessing to the people you meet and care for. Continue to study. Reflect upon the situations you encounter. Pray for the people whose lives you are privileged to share. Be free to share your own personal frustrations and needs with others so that you might receive the same kind of care and love you offer others. Act boldly and without fear, for Christ is with you. And “may the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and lamesless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### **PRAYER – Pastor Kris**

**We pray:** Oh God, we ask you to take our sister into your care. You have blessed her with particular gifts and talents and have provided her with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May she serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may she be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share herself with people. Give to us thankful hearts for her and show her in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep her strong in the faith you have given her for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen.

### **DISMISSAL**

**Leader:** Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 502**

### **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

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### **NICENE CREED**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human.  
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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
And glorified, who 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever (*especially*). Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

**And also with you**

Let us share God's peace with one another.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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, our duty and our joy, .....

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, Holy** pg. 144

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

### COMMUNION

**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 146



### COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 764

#### Have No Fear, Little Flock

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;

praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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### ELW 616

#### Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into  
your kingdom.

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your kingdom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

Life-giving God,  
In the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness.  
water to give life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

### **BLESSING**

The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**



## RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 544

### Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

we are yours, and you the Lord.

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,  
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:  
glory be to God on high!  
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,  
by this eucharist declaring  
yours the final victory.

3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,  
we go forth alert and living  
in your Spirit, strong and free.  
Partners in your new creation,  
seeking peace in ev'ry nation,  
may we faithful foll'wers be.

2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,  
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,  
ears attentive to your word;  
by your blood new life receiving,  
in your body, firm believing,

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.780.6408 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain.

Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

### **St. Mark's members:**

Don Anderson,  
Donna Fluck,  
Sheila Mutschelknaus,  
Paul Moore,  
Barbara Strampe,  
Ruth Ann Hackler,  
Chuck Vandenberg,  
Susan & Bill Roberts,  
George McElroy,  
Shane Paulson,  
Janet Schmidt,  
Phyllis Dettmer,  
Madison Young

### **Family & friends:**

Donavon and Beverly Benson, friends of Joyce & Louis Johnson,  
Mariah, friend of the Bryer family,  
Stan, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Drake Whittle, friend of Joni Benz,  
Brian Czerw, friend of Barbara Strampe,  
Family of Donna Fluck,  
Dan & Ashly, brother & sister-in-law of Amanda Sibson,  
Chris, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Alyssa Lillich & her baby, Granddaughter-in-law of Jane Stresewski,  
Joetta Eagle & family, friends of Linda Bayer,  
Quinn, granddaughter of Mike and Jane Scherrer,  
Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Michelle Ray, friend of Barbara Strampe's daughter,  
Jane Feters, Sister of Joni Benz,  
Bill Benne, friend of Joyce and Louis Johnson,  
Ron & Susan Laliberte, neighbors of Barbara Strampe,  
Austin, Grandson of Jim & Mary Weeg,  
Lynn, Dennis & Sharon Thee, relatives of Barbara Strampe,  
Candy, sister of Tom Bryer,  
Craig Aldag, Uncle of Ali Luin,  
Manuel & family, friend of Jenny Wheeler's grandson,  
Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck,  
Juliana Marie McClelland, friend of Susan Roberts,  
Andrew, friend of the Scherrers,

Craig Downing, Father of Joni Benz,  
Suzie, Aunt of Nancy Bryer,  
Jenny Mack, Niece of Jenny Wheeler,  
Chris, Brother of Pete Cagle,  
Amber Smith, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Family of Kathy, cousin of Barb Nail,  
Leo Patton, Grandfather of Jason Howe,  
Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe,  
Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe,  
Peggy Hinkle, Step-Mother of Kathy Hinkle,  
Stephanie Herndon, friend of Kathy Hinkle,  
Gibby, friend of the Bryers,  
Tim Eiter, Father of Todd Eiter,  
Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,  
Jackie Warriner, Sister-in-law of Linda Goodheart,  
Don Thun, Father of Matt Thun,  
Katherine Gile, sister of Anne Gardner,  
Matt Warriner, Great Nephew of Linda Goodheart,  
Joanne, Amy Fisher's sister,  
Neil Warriner, Linda Goodheart's brother,  
Judy Wendt, Jeannine Matthew's sister-in-law,  
Donna Poppe, friend of St. Marks,  
Rosemary Williams & her sons Wayne & Wade Beck,  
Brooke Harris, friend of Gretchen Goodheart Stewart,  
Bruce Dawson, friend of the Goodhearts,  
Jackson Werth, friend of the Bott/Bollinger Families,  
Kirk Wheeler, cousin of Verna McMullin,  
All People affected by natural disasters

### **Those in the Military:**

A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen Thompson,