



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, April 6, 2025

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

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#### INTRODUCTION

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April Noisy Offering collection will go to the Olathe Animal Shelter, chosen by our 5th—8th grade class.



#### Upcoming Commemorations

**Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists**

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

# Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Our baptismal candidate is Olivia Grace Dry,  
daughter of Gregory & Hailey Dry,  
sister of Grayson & Miles Dry,  
great granddaughter of Ron & Nancy Brown.  
Olivia's sponsors are Tim Dry & Kate Macan.

## INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love,  
gives us a new birth into a living hope through  
the sacrament of baptism.

The power of sin is put to death in this holy  
flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new  
life. We are united with all the baptized  
in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift  
of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission  
for the life of the world.

*(To Gregory, Hailey, Tim & Kate )* Who  
presents this child to be baptized?

*Parents and sponsors:* **We do.**

*(To Gregory & Hailey)* As you present Olivia  
for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and  
responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy  
supper,

and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace among all people.

Do you promise to help Olivia grow in the  
Christian faith and life?

*Response* **I do.**

*(To Tim & Kate)* Do you promise to nurture Olivia in

the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's  
Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of  
baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response* **I do.**

People of St. Mark's, do you promise to  
support Olivia and pray for her in her new life in  
Christ?

*Response* **We do.**

(Water is poured into the font)

## RENUNCIATION OF EVIL AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, parents and sponsors, to reject  
sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the  
faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces  
that defy God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world  
that rebel against God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw  
you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and  
Savior?

*Response:* **In faith I turn to Christ.**

With the whole church, let us all confess  
our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the**

**Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

### **THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through water you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you delivered us from the power of sin and death and set us free to live in you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this water and upon *all* who *are* washed in it, that *they* may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **WASHING**

Olivia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And let the people say ... **Amen.**

### **INVOCATION OF THE SPIRIT**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Olivia with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge  
and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

*(Making a cross on the forehead with oil.)*

Olivia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*(Parents and sponsors also receive the sign of the cross with oil.)*

### **PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE**

*(Presenting a lighted candle.)*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

### **WELCOME**

Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Welcome, Olivia!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 522

### As We Gather at Your Table

- 1 As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;

may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

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### Greeting page 203

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 Pg. 203

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God,

**you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert.  
Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our  
lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to*

*do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

### **Psalm: Psalm 126**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for  
them.”**  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

- <sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## **Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 205

*Holy Gospel, according to John, the 12th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 12:1-8**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial." <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

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## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 802

### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death he conquered death,

he will free us from destruction,  
give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
that would lead us into sin;  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
there to live with you on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

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### Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Re-



pair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground.

God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need (*especially*). May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel *especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach*. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**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.

## **OFFERING/ NOISY OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** pg. 182

## **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. 207

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

### **COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION SONG** pg. 208

### **COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 754**

#### **Jesus, the Very Thought of You**

- 1 Jesus, the very thought of you  
fills us with sweet delight;  
but sweeter far your face to view  
and rest within your light.
- 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
nor can the mind recall  
a sweeter sound than your blest name,  
O Savior of us all!



- 3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,  
O joy of all the meek,  
how kind you are to those who fall!  
How good to those who seek!
- 4 O Jesus, be our joy today;  
help us to prize your love;  
grant us at last to hear you say:  
"Come, share my home above."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall,  
1814-1878

**Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus**

Come with us, O blessed Jesus,  
with us evermore to be.  
And, in leaving now thine altar,  
let us nevermore leave thee!  
Let thy bright celestial chorus  
never cease the heav'nly strain;  
but in us, thy loving children,  
come with peace, good will to reign.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**BLESSING**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 338

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus,  
my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one  
who suffered there for me.

And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love  
and my unworthiness.

- 3 I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.638-9331 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:**

Donna Nichols,  
Pete Cagle,  
Linda Cagle,  
Janet Nichols,  
Chuck Vandenberg,  
Susan & Bill Roberts,  
George McElroy,  
Janet Schmidt,

### **Family & friends:**

Lilian, great granddaughter of Jenny Wheeler's sister,  
Susan Galyen, friend of Joyce Johnson,  
Art Remmereid, uncle of Joyce Johnson,  
Kathryn Young, cousin of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Deanna & Steve, cousins of Tom Bryer,  
Cori & family, extended family of Amy Hackler,  
Liz Sutlick, friend of Amy Hackler,  
Julia Wise, sister-in-law of Amy Hackler,  
Family of Marj Weeg, sister-in-law of Mary & Jim Weeg,  
Nancy Harris, daughter-in-law of Nancy & Ron Brown,  
Father in law of Pam Thomas,  
Karis , granddaughter of Jim & Mary Weeg,  
Marilou Osborne, cousin of Joni Benz,  
Jim Severson, friend of Joe VanKempen,  
Carol, stepmom of Tom Bryer,  
Liz Zybko, friend of Pam Wilson,  
Tony Berg, son of Arlyn & Jan Berg,  
Marlin Weidler, friend of St. Mark's,  
Donna Trester, Mother of Linda Cagle,  
Peggy, cousin of Jane Scherrer,  
Kerry O'Rourke, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Fran Besser, friend of Joni & Steve Benz,  
Mindy Gustus, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Everett, friend of sister-in-law of Janet Anderson,  
Jessica Parker, great-niece of Jane Stresewki,  
Tammy Strampe, Daughter-in-law of Barbara Strampe,  
Bob Bergene, friend of Clarence Linsey,

Doug & Kathy Thee, cousins of Barbara Strampe,  
Sheryl Thompson, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Scott Miller, son-in-law of Jane & Mike Scherrer,  
Harry Cagle, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Janice, sister of Jenny Wheeler,  
Dr. Owens, friend of Kathy Hinkle,  
Mike and Susan Becker, friends of St. Mark's,  
Elizabeth Applebaum, friend of Kathy Hinkle  
Stan, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Chris, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Joetta Eagle & family, friends of Linda Bayer,  
Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Candy, sister of Tom Bryer,  
Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck,  
Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe,  
Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe,  
Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,  
Jackie Warriner, Sister-in-law of Linda Goodheart,  
Don Thun, Father of Matt Thun,  
Matt Warriner, Great Nephew of Linda Goodheart,  
Joanne, Amy Fisher's sister,  
Neil Warriner, Linda Goodheart's brother,  
Bruce Dawson, friend of the Goodhearts,  
Kirk Wheeler, cousin of Verna McMullin,  
All People affected by natural disasters  
**Those in the Military:**  
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