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Joint Worship Service on May 7, 2023, at 10:30am
Fifth Sunday of Easter - German Sunday's name: "Kantate"
(according to Psalm 98, 1: Sing a new song to the Lord)



St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We love that you are here.
The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red) and the Blue German Hymnal.
The liturgy is printed in the worship bulletin.
P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)*

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Organist: Simone Ren

Choir: Wie lieblich ist der Maien (In the lovely month of May)
Conductor: Maria Koebisch

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 364: 1, 4 & 5: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Eingangslied: 116: 1, 4 & 5: Er ist erstanden, Halleluja

Call to Confession:

P: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbour.

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,
We confess that we are in bondage of 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 neighbours 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.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison - Lord, have mercy!

Hymn of Praise by Choir:

Von guten Mächten wunderbar umgeben (Bonhoeffer, Fietz)
(By gracious powers wonderfully sheltered)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Matthew Senf

Words from Psalm 31

Monika Schroth

L: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

C: in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

L: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

C: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

L: for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

C: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

P: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

C: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies.

P: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

C: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord

Reading from 1 Peter 2, 4 – 10:

Carina van Trebra

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people.

Celtic Halleluia # 174 (Please insert)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Halleluia. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to John 14: 1 – 14:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading of the Gospel - **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # Seek Ye First

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SEEK YE FIRST

TRUST/HOLY SPIRIT

* ① D F#m G D G

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his
 2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and
 3. You do not live by bread alone, but by

D Em A7 D F#m

1. righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
 2. ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be
 3. ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

G D G D Em A D

1. add - ed un - to you. } Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 2. o - pened un - to you. }
 3. mouth of God. }

② D F#m G D G D Em A7 D

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -

F#m G D G D Em A D

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Offering: As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor to God's work in the world.

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Reception of a Congregation

Bishop Kathy Martin: St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church has made an application for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. I now ask for a copy of the congregation's statement of intent and a copy of its constitution.

A representative of the congregation hands the documents to the bishop who asks:
Are you, the people of God of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, willing to join with us in work and witness, living under the gospel of Jesus Christ and in accordance with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you strive to carry out the mission of Christ in the bond of unity and love, both in the life of this congregation and in the work of the whole church?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you accept the rights and privileges of membership in this church, participating fully in its deliberations and its ministry?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Upon these your promises and on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, I declare St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Vancouver a member congregation of the BC Synod, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your people serve you in many ways.

We thank you for these siblings in Christ who join in the work and witness of your one holy church. Unite us in mission and praise, that with one voice we may glorify you and make your way known on earth and your saving grace among all peoples; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercessions

P concluding: God of resurrection and new life,

C: hear our prayer

Choir: Unity

(Moone, Cason, Koebisch)

Sharing of Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always –

C: And also with you

Choir: I am gonna sing

(Besig/Koebisch)

The Great Thanksgiving Bishop Kathy Martin; The Very Reverend Chris Pappas
All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free wafers and grape-juice are available upon request. If you are not communing, you are invited forward to receive a blessing. If being served communion at your seat is easier, please let the usher know and servers will come to you.

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right...*concluding*: We praise your name and join their unending praise:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power, Giver of life, heaven and earth declare your splendor. Praise, glory, and love are yours.

Words of institution

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God**

The Lord's Prayer - Invitation to the Table

Hymn # 674: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Lied # 229: Kommt mit Gaben und Lobgesang

Prayer after communion

Announcements

Sending Hymn # 547: Sent forth by God's Blessings

Blessing

Postlude

Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace and share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God.**