

**Second Sunday of Easter , April 16, 2023 at 11:00am**

**Welcome to worship this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!**

The order below will help you to find your way through our worship service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers, the liturgy (p), if not printed, in the front section of the book. Thank you!

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Church Bells

Organ Prelude

Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 367: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 16:

P: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**C: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

P: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**C: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

**C: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

P: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**C: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

P: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit

**C: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;**

P: in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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**Call to Confession:**

P: Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. 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.**

Prayer of the Day

Reading the epistle 1 Peter 3. 1 – 9: *Courage and hope*

**Celtic Alleluia # 174**



Reading of the Holy Gospel according to John 20: 19 – 31

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day # 379: Now the Green Blade Rises**

*(The offering is gathered – thank you!)*

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.***

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer**

Announcements

**Sending Hymn # 385: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

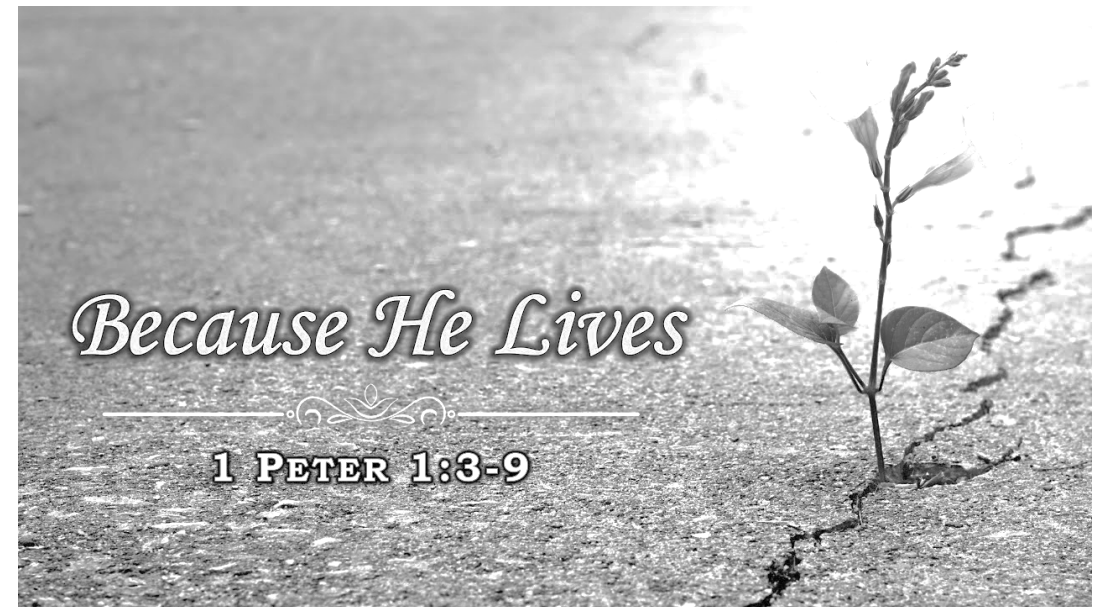
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**Announcements:**

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Joint Service with Bishop Kathy Martin

**Project Choir:** please join us and sing on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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