

Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023 at 11:00am

*This Service will be on phone connecting with
a congregation in Skidegate (Haida Gwaii)*

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)

Guest Preacher: Pastor Benedicte Hansen (Haida Gwaii)

Church Bells

Organ Prelude

Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 798: Will you come and follow me

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 116:

P: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

P: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

C: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

P: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

C: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

C: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the Lord

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 from the epistle 1 Peter 1, 17 – 23: *We belong to God*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24, 13 – 35: *Walking To Emmaus*

Sermon: *We build faith, on rock, story by story; like beavers build dens and dams -one stick at a time*

Hymn of the Day # 484: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(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 # 334, 1 – 3 & General: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements:

Sunday, May 7th, 2023 Joint Service with Bishop Kathy Martin

Project Choir: please join us today after Services, and sing on May 7th, 2023



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