

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30, 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)

Guest Preacher: Benedicte Hansen

Church Bells

Organ Prelude

Simone Ren

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 376: Thine Is the Glory

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 23:

P: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

P: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

P: your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

C: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

P: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

P: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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 Acts 2, 42 – 47: Communion in Christ

Celtic Alleluia # 174

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Reading of the Holy Gospel according to John 10, 1 – 10: The Good Shepherd

Sermon: I Am the Gate

Hymn of the Day # 502: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(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 # 778: The Lord's My Shepherd

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements:

Joint Service with Bishop Kathy Martin

Sunday, May 7th, 2023 - 10:30 am

Lunch buffet and coffee and cake afterwards

Please let us know if you could bring a cake or salad for the buffet.



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