

Joint Worship Service – Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst

February 4 at 10:30am

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Herzlich Willkommen!

The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red; the hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers) and the Green German Hymnal, if not printed in the bulletin.

Today the service will be led by our congregational members: Annkatrin Shaw, Cornelia & Joseph Rzeplinski, Erika & Irmhild Plettner, Monika Schroth,.

Ringling of the Bells

Music: Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

Eingangslied # 155: Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend
Gathering Hymn # 527: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Opening words – Eingangswort:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

Prayer of Confession:

Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures, let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas and waits in mercy to forgive:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, you grant us grace, mercy, and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Psalm 147, 1 – 11 & 20

L: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

C: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

L: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

L: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

C: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

L: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

C: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

L: He gives the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

C: The Lord takes pleasure in those who respect him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

All: Praise the Lord!

Reading from the Old Testament, Isaiah 40, 21 – 31:

About the power and the mercy of God always and in all places

Lied # 317, 1 – 3 & 5: Lobe den Herren

Hymn # 858: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Gospel according to Mark 1: 29 – 39: (read in German)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

³⁸Jesus answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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.

Sermon:

A conversation between the disciple Simon Peter and a member of this congregation

Predigtlied # 372, 1 – 4: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan

Hymn of the Day # 776: What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

(The offering will be gathered)

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**

The Lord's Prayer

A Blessing for all

Announcements

Sendungslied # 321: Nun danket alle Gott

Sending Hymn # 840: Now Thank We All Our God

P: Go in peace. Share the good news; **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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