

**Joint Worship Service on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 10:30am**  
**3rd Sonntag in Lent: Okuli** (Latin, according to Psalm 25, 15: My eyes...)

*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. 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: Dubravko Pajalic  
Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 556: Morning Has Broken**  
**Eingangslied # 455: Morgenlicht leuchtet**

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,

**C: Lead us on pathways of reconciliation and peace**

P: We have willfully misused your gifts of creation:

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid:

**C: C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice:

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others:

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves

**C: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**C: 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.**

Declaration of Forgiveness:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Saviour, Brother and Friend.

**C: Amen.**

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**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.***

**Installation of the newly elected members of church council:**

Claudia Launhardt, Traute Scholz, Charles Britton, Chris Flerlage, George Nalivko  
Elected members of council: Annkatrin Shaw, Cornelia Rzeplinski, Patrick von Hahn

**German Choir: Stern, auf den ich schaue** Choir conductor: Maria Koebsch  
(My leading star)

**Sharing of Peace**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always - **C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercessions

P concluding: God, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**

**Vater unser im Himmel**, geheiligt werde dein Name.

Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute, und vergib uns unsre Schuld,  
wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern.

Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.

Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven**, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

**Sending Hymn # 654, 1- 2 & 5: The Church's One Foundation**

**Sendungslied: # 264: Die Kirche steht gegründet**

**Postlude**

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

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Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 25:

P: In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you.

**C: LORD, show me your ways. Teach me how to follow you.**

P: Guide me in your truth. Teach me. You are God my Savior.

**C: I put my hope in you all day long.**

P: LORD, remember your great mercy and love.

**C: You have shown them to your people for a long time.**

P: Don't remember the sins I committed when I was young.

**C: Don't remember how often I refused to obey you.**

P: Remember me because you love me.

**C: LORD, you are good. The LORD is honest and good.**

P: He teaches sinners to walk in his ways. He teaches them his ways.

**C: LORD, be true to your name.**

P: My eyes always look to the LORD. Turn to me and help me.

**C: Guard my life. Save me. Don't let me be put to shame.**

P: I go to you for safety. May my honest and good life keep me safe.

**C: LORD, I have put my hope in you.**

Reading from the New Testament, from the letter of Paul to the Christian community in Corinth: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 31: *Christ is God's power and wisdom:*

The message of the cross seems foolish to those who are lost and dying. But it is God's power to us who are being saved. <sup>19</sup> It is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of those who are wise. I will do away with the cleverness of those who think they are so smart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where are the great thinkers of our time? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? <sup>21</sup> God wisely planned that the world would not know him through its own wisdom. It pleased God to use the foolish things we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews require signs. Greeks look for wisdom. <sup>23</sup> But we preach about Christ and his death on the cross. That is very hard for Jews to accept. And everyone else thinks it's foolish. <sup>24</sup> But there are those God has chosen, both Jews and Greeks. To them Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. <sup>25</sup> The foolish things of God are wiser than human wisdom. The weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when God chose you. Not many of you were considered wise by human standards. Not many of you were powerful. Not many of you belonged to important families. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the things of this world that are common and looked down on. God chose things considered unimportant to do away with things considered important. <sup>29</sup> So no one can boast to God.

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<sup>30</sup> Because of what God has done, you belong to Christ Jesus. He has become God's wisdom for us. He makes us right with God. He makes us holy and sets us free. <sup>31</sup> It is written, "The one who boasts should boast about what the Lord has done."

**German Choir: We Shall Walk through the Valley , Conductor: Maria Koebisch**

Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to John 2: 13 – 22: *Where God dwells*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

(German: Valet will ich dir geben)

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring, for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

*Thank you for your offering!*

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.***

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## A MEDITATIVE VERSE

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

(Psalm 26:3)

### Announcements

#### Services Good Friday and Easter

##### March 29 – Good Friday

10:00 a.m. German Service

11:30 a.m. English Service

02:00 p.m. (Service by KingsCross congregation)

##### March 30 – Saturday

10:00 a.m. Easter celebration for kids and families

##### March 31 – Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. German Service

11:00 a.m. Coffee Sunday

11:30 a.m. English Service

##### April 1st – Easter Monday

No Service



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