

Fourth Sunday of Easter , April 21, 2024 at 11:30am

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 # 385: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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;

P: for you are with me; 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.

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

A Reading from Acts 4, 5 – 12: *Filled with the Holy Spirit*

Celtic Alleluia # 174 (bitte einfüegen)

The Gospel is announced: "The Holy Gospel according to John 10

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Reading of the Gospel: John 10, 11 – 18: The Good Shepherd.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 778, 1 – 3: The Lord's My Shepherd

(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, 4 & 5: My table thou hast richly spread

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements:

12.-25. Vacation Pastor Ingrid: Pastor Hardo Ermisch will be holding the Services on Sunday, April 14th and 21st, and Pastor Manfred Schmidt will take care of pastoral duties (emergencies). Please call or text him 604-312-5911. You can also contact Manuela via voicemail 604 876 4312 or email to office@stmarkschurch.ca

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