

Fifth Sunday of Easter , April 28, 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 # 377, 1 – 3: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 22, 25 – 31::

P: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

C: my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

P: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

C: May your hearts live forever!

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

C: and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

P: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

C: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

P: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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

Hymn # 377, 4 & 5: Weeping, be gone;

A Reading from Acts 8: 26 – 40: *The baptism of the official from Ethiopian*

Celtic Alleluia # 174 (bitte einfuegen)

The Gospel is announced: “The Holy Gospel according to John 15, 1 – 8:
Branches and Fruit

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Reading of the Gospel

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 453: Baptized and Set Free

(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 # 538: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements:



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