

Evangelisch-Lutherische St. Markusgemeinde St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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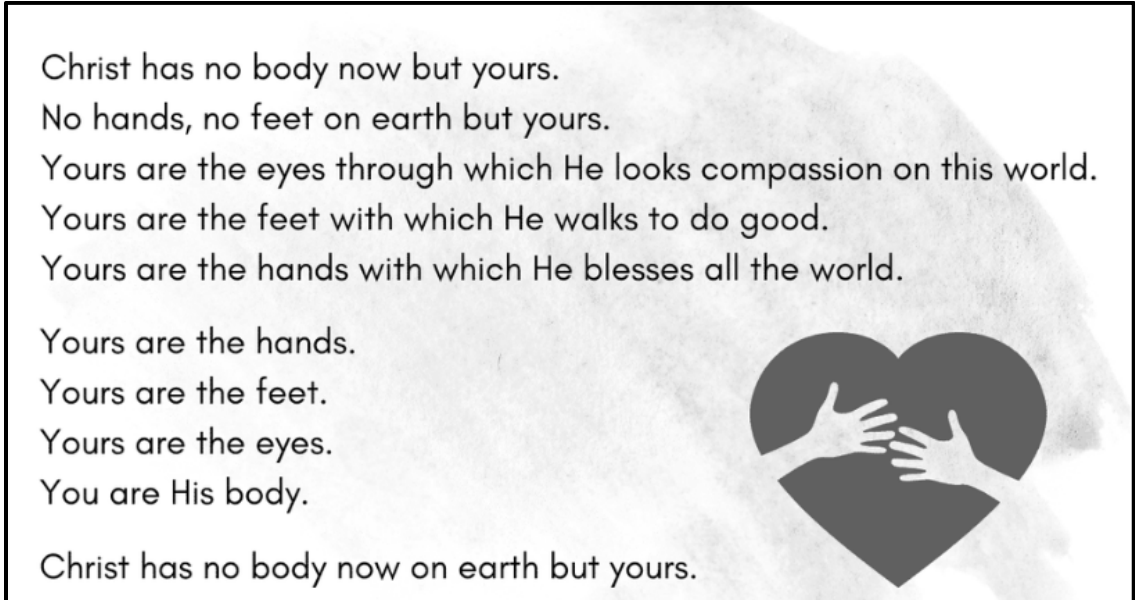
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Joint Worship Service on 6. Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 at 10:30am

Rogate (Latin: pray! Liturgical name of this Sunday according to Math. 7:7)

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)

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude Organist: Dubravko Pajalic

Chor: Komm, sag es allen weiter

Leitung: Maria Koebsch

(Go, invite all people to this place where love can dwell and be found)

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 520: 1 – 3: Dearest Jesus, at Your Word
Eingangslied # 161: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

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:

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death.

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.

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Psalm 98:

P: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

C: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

P: The Lord has made known his victory;

C: he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

P: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

C: With trumpets make a joyful noise before the Lord.

P: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

C: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

P: for he is coming to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Reading from the New Testament, from 1 John 5: 1 – 6: *Born of God*

Every person who believes that Jesus is the Messiah, is God-born. If we love the One who conceives the child, we'll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God's children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments, and they are not at all troublesome. Every God-born person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus—the Divine Christ! He experienced a life-giving

birth and a death-killing death. And all the while the Spirit is confirming the truth, the reality of God's presence at Jesus' baptism and crucifixion, bringing those occasions alive for us. A triple testimony: the Spirit, the Baptism, the Crucifixion. And the three are in perfect agreement. (Translation: The Message)
Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to John 15: 1 – 7: *Abide in my love*
C: Glory to you, O Lord. 2

Choir and Congregation: Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain: Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide...

P: The Gospel according to John 15: 9 – 17: *Love one another*

C: Glory to you, o Lord

Reading of the Gospel, concluding: *word of the living God*

C responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn # 858: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lied # 317, 1 – 2 & 4 – 5: Lobe den Herrn

Sermon

Hymn # 775: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Lied # 396, 1 – 2 & 6: Jesu, meine Freude

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.

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.

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**

Choir: As the Deer

(according to Psalm 42: 1: As the deer longs for the water – brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.)

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The Great Thanksgiving

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free wafers and grape-juice are available upon request. If you are not communing, you are invited forward to receive a blessing. If being served communion at your seat is easier, please let the usher know and servers will come to you.

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Words of institution - The Lord's 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.

Invitation to the Table

Announcements

Words to thank our volunteers and welcome to new members

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

Postlude

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

Announcements

Today after the Service: We would like to welcome our new members after the Joint Service at 11:30 am. We would also like to thank our many hard-working volunteers! Celebrate with us! With coffee and cake at the church basement.

Tuesday May 7th, 2024 – 7 p.m. English Bible study ask Pastor Ingrid about the location

Thursday, May 9th, 2024 – 5 p.m. Foodbank pickup

Saturday, May 11th, 2024 – 11 a.m. Funeral Service Eberhard Hausler

Sunday, May 12th, 2024 – Mother's day special Service

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Draw the Circle Wide

Slowly (♩ = ca. 57)

D G/D D

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

4 G/D G A D G A

cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

7 Bm E Em A D

side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

10 D D/C# *div.* Bm7 G A D

wide. Draw the cir - cle wide, draw it wid - er still. Let this

WORDS: Gordon Light
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

DRAW THE CIRCLE
Irr.

13 Bm7 G E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

16 F# Bm G A7 D D/C#

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

19 D G/D D

wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

22 G/D G A D G A

cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

25 Bm E Em A

side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

27 D *div.* G/D D A/D D

wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

30 G D E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

33 *to repeat* F# Bm G A D *Repeat as desired*

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

36 *to end* F# Bm D/A F# Bm E

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

39 *molto rit.* Em G A D D

cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.