

Seventh Sunday of Easter , May 12, 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 # 856, 1 & 2 & 4: How Great Thou Art

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 1

P: Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people,

C: who do not follow the example of sinners

P: or join those who have no use for God.

C: Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the LORD,

P: and they study it day and night.

C: They are like trees that grow beside a stream,

P: that bear fruit at the right time,

C: and whose leaves do not dry up.

P: They succeed in everything they do.

**C: The righteous are guided and protected by the LORD,
but the evil are on the way to their doom.**

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 are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

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. 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 the Gospel of Luke, 24, 44 – 53: a directive, a blessing, a promise.

Celtic Alleluia # 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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P: The Gospel according to John 17, 6 – 19: Prayer of the heart

C: Glory to you, o Lord

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

C responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 742: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(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

Hymn # 752: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer**

Announcements

Sending Hymn # 821: Shout to the Lord

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements:



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