

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

SIT

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG ELW p. 146 "Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION HYMN.....Hymn #708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG.....Hymn #548 "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

DISMISSAL We are God's People. **Followers of Jesus Christ.** Gifted by the Spirit.

Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Tony & Andrea Beer's 30th Anniversary!*

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP LEADERS

INTERIM PASTOR: Pastor Kathy Brown

SOUND/VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Art Kotenko

ASSISTING MINISTERS: Patti Mason, Julie Schmit

MUSICIANS: Laurel Borter, Deb Black

READERS: Pat Gallo, Jacqie Vranak

GREETER: Hayley Jensen

ADULT CHOIR: Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma

HOSPITALITY: SMLC Endowment Foundation

KIDS CONNECTION: Lara Rader

SACRISTY: Pat Gallo, Nanette/Markie Hylinski

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Pat Gallo, Todd Woller, Cheryl Hayes, Dave & Leslie Sandahl



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
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Saturday, April 27 at 5:00pm & Sunday, April 28 at 9:00am
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Mary's! All are Welcome!

- Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.
- Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

STAND

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG.....Hymn #461 "All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE ELW p. 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW p. 140 "This is the Feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 142 "Alleluia"

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

KIDS CONNECTION (SUN)

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY.....Hymn #449 "We Know That Christ is Raised"

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of Grace,

receive our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SIT

ADULT CHOIR

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" - ARR. LLOYD LARSON

*"Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, an' why not a everyone?
He delivered Daniel from de lion's den, Jonah from de belly of de whale.
An' de Hebrew chillen from de fiery furnace, an' why not everyone?"*

*I set my foot on de Gospel ship, an' de ship begin to sail.
It landed me over on Canaan's shore, an' I'll never come back anymore.
Didn't my Lord . . ."*

STAND

OFFERING.....Hymn #692 "We are an Offering"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE ELW pg. 144 "The Lord be with you"

PREFACE

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN ELW p. 144 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**