

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Service of Holy Communion – ELW Setting 4



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# GATHERING

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## +Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P 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.

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P 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.

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P = Pastor, A = Assistant, C = Congregation  
ELW = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal  
“+” in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

## Gathering Hymn

*In Christ there is Not East or West*

ELW 650



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

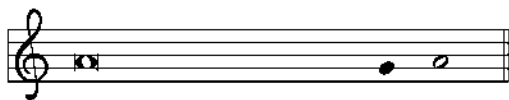
Music: MCKEE. African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

## +Greeting

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

**C** And also with you.

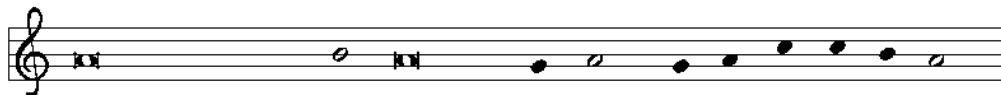
## +Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**

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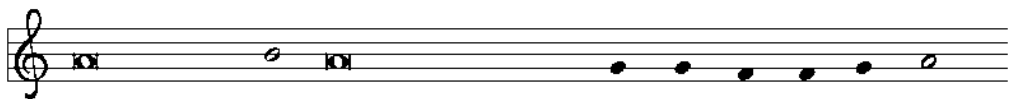
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## +Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



## +Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever .

C **Amen.**

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## WORD

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### First Scripture ♦ Acts 10:44–48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

<sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

<sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy  
before the Lord, who comes to  
judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord will judge the world with  
righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## Second Scripture ♦ 1 John 5:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

## +Gospel Acclamation







What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we hear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886  
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## +Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### +Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister: God of grace,  
Congregation: hear our prayer.

### +Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you.  
C And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:*

Peace be with you.

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## MEAL

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### +Offertory Prayer

A 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.  
C Amen.

### +The Great Thanksgiving



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### +Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...  
 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### +Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **+Eucharistic Prayer**

P Blessed are you, O God...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P With this bread and cup...

...Grace our table with your presence.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us ...

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones,...

...holy Trinity, now and forever

**C Amen.**

## **+Lord's Prayer**

P We pray together the prayer Our Lord 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.**

## **Communion**

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

## Lamb of God



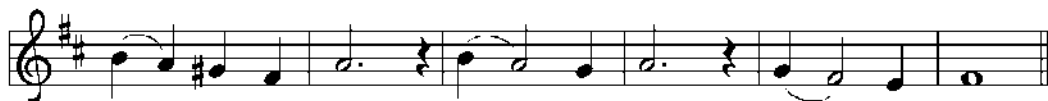
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Special Music

*Love Is*

performed by Ken Barger

Text/Music: Ken Barger

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# Communion Hymn

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838



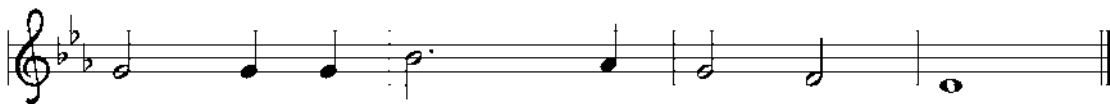
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

## Announcements

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# SENDING

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### +Blessing

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

C **Amen.**

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## +Sending Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

ELW 836



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays.
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest.



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

## +Dismissal

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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**Of Note:**

**Visitors, welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today!** The Welcome packet in the pew is for you. It has information about our faith community and the many ways we support our local community. Feel free to take it home and come back to worship with us again. For more information, call the church office at 303-366-9702 or email [admin@stmarksaurora.org](mailto:admin@stmarksaurora.org).

***SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME & EXPENSES***

Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer

**March, 2024**

<b><u>Current Month</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Total Income	\$12,831.08	Total Income	\$41,727.34
Total Expenses	-\$15,752.27	Total Expenses	-\$46,014.24
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$2,921.19</b>	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$4,286.90</b>

<b><i>BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING</i></b>			
<b><u>Monthly Budget Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Current Month</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Year to Date</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Year to Date</u></b>
\$12,586.25	\$7,737.33	\$37,758.75	\$23,642.99
<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	<b>-\$4,848.92</b>		<b>-\$14,115.76</b>

**Weekly Enews** If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list.

## This Week at St. Mark's (May 5–12, 2024)

<b>Today 5/5:</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b> Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. Congregational Meeting - following worship Youth Group – Fellowship Hall – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Fellowship Hall – 4 p.m.
<b>Monday 5/6:</b>	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 5/7:</b>	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting – West Room – 6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 5/8:</b>	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m. Amigos de México Food Bank – West Room – 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Prayer Service – Sanctuary – 7–9 p.m.
<b>Thursday 5/9:</b>	Quilters – West Room – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Coffee, Conversation, and Prayer – Zoom – 9:30–10 a.m. Ephesians Bible Study – Library – 7 p.m. Casa de Oración Music Practice – West Room – 7–9 p.m.
<b>Friday 5/10:</b>	Food Pantry Open – Center Room – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Prayer Service – Sanctuary – 7–9 p.m.
<b>Saturday 5/11:</b>	Seventh Day Adventist Worship – Sanctuary – 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Spring Clean-up Day Outdoors – St. Mark's Park – 8 a.m.
<b>Sunday 5/12:</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b> Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Fellowship Hall – 4 p.m.

**Save the Date:** May 11 & 13: Spring Clean-up Days

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

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*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the 'Recent concerns' list for four Sundays.*

### **Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, & concerns:**

Russell Carpenter (*Janet Pethan's nephew, hospitalized for infection*)  
Barbara Hudson (*Janet Pethan's sister, breathing troubles*)  
Maria Kang (*Laura Garcia's friend, colon cancer*)  
Pastor Margot Wright (*cancer*)  
Paige Simpson (*Laura Garcia's friend, accident recovery*)  
Everett Stevens (*friend of Joan Gustafson's great grandson, lymphoma*)  
Patrick Stephenson (*kidney issues, metastasized cancer*)

### **For homebound members & friends:**

Carol Bath      Joan Chambers  
Chris Elbert    Wilma Langford  
Velma Larson   Christel Loftesness  
Dorothy Parker Irene Seelmeyer  
Alice Thurlow   Vernita Wild

### **For the faithful departed and those who mourn:**

Family of Edward 'Skip' Koehler (*Jean Rose's brother, Kathy Clevenger's uncle*)

### **For those with ongoing concerns:**

Margo (*Andrea Stephenson's mother, fractured hip*)  
Pr. Barb Lemke (*broken kneecap*)  
Frances Clark (*Gwen Riggs' aunt, cancer surgery*)  
Christel Loftesness (*hip replacement recovery*)  
Ollie Daniels (*breathing issues; ongoing pain*)  
Luis Chávez (*brother of Laura Garcia's friend, cancer, hospice*)  
Chris Prillwitz (*knee replacement recovery, spiritual & physical health, seeking employment*)  
Sandy Day (*ongoing pain & health issues*)  
Kevin Gustafson (*knee replacement recovery, chronic pain*)  
Doug Benson (*health*)  
Christina Duncan (*Norma's daughter-in-law, cancer*)  
Sara Jensen (*knee replacement recovery*)  
Karen Arensen (*health*)  
Dawn Tesoro's father Phil (*friends of Chris Prillwitz, health issues*)  
Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health, safety in Israel*)  
Melanie and her family (*OHLANA Youth*)  
Michelle Anderson Arguello (*Roxanne Knutson's cousin, oral cancer*)  
Ken Barger (*injured ligament in left hand*)  
Jerry (*Sandy Day's brother, health*)  
Mary Ann Dominguez (*health*)  
Alicia Jerrup (*Mary Katherine Smith's friend, thyroid cancer*)  
Roxanne and Becky Knutson  
Horacio Rentería (*arteriovenous malformation in brain*)  
Aitza (Sandra) Gonzalez Tapia & sisters Karen and Adamaris (*justice in courts*)  
Julie Smith (*Feller's daughter, rrecovery from emoval of tumor behind ear*)  
Hugo Redlin (*health*)  
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health*)  
Jean (*Jackie Kirk's sister, dementia*)  
Ron Fogg (*health*)  
Linda Russell (*Elaine Stanger's sister, breast & bone cancer*)  
Anastasia and family (*friend of Chris Prillwitz*) and all Ukrainian refugees  
Jean Rose (*health/pain management*)  
Jeff Martin (*health*)  
Gene (*Joan Gustafson's son-in-law, partial paralysis*)

*In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update may be removed from under Ongoing Concerns.*

*If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/ update.*

## Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Mortvedt
Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	Susan Tami Whitcomb
Lector	Clark Gilbert
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson Arturo Sales
Communion Assistants:	Claudette Gilbert & _
Usher	Ellie Weaver
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Laura Garcia Villalpando
Cameras	Mary Katherine Smith

*St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You may give electronically, via [Tithe.ly](http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithe), at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithe> or by scanning this QR code:*



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### Important Information About St. Mark's

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### St. Mark's Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Arapahoe, Lipan Apache, Ute, Cheyenne, and Dakota peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.