



JESUS CHRIST

IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

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HIGH PRIEST

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

April 1, 2018 — 7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise

St. Mark's is a member of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



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Welcome to Our Guests!

Good morning and a blessed Easter to all of you! Welcome to this celebration of Jesus resurrection! We consider it a privilege to worship the living Lord with you this morning. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday services, weekly programs, or Christian day school, please talk with the pastor. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- The order of worship is found in this folder.
- Restrooms are located in the foyer.
- Our fellowship hall is equipped with a speaker and child-friendly toys.
- Our service lasts about 65 minutes.

Jesus Is Our Eternal High Priest

Today is the highlight of our year! Today is the day that makes all the difference in life and in death! The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is THE most important event in all of history, for it proves that Jesus is truly God, that our sins are forgiven, and that we will rise from the dead someday, too. What awesome blessings are ours since Christ lives! Today we are privileged to review in Word and song the glorious Easter account. Also, since this Lent we've been focusing on Jesus Christ as our great High Priest, our focus today will be: **Jesus Is Our Eternal High Priest.** Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer Before Worship

O Risen Savior, fill me with Easter joy! Remind me that You have been amazingly gracious to me, that I might be filled with Easter-confidence for this life and look with eager anticipation to life forever. In Your name I pray. Amen.

We Come into God's Presence

OPENING HYMN:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (CW 157)

All sing: Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

*(Please stand for
final verse)* Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

A LITANY OF CONFESSION AND PRAISE

Minister: Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

M: By His resurrection Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power!

C: And He has given us a new birth into a living hope.

M: "Do not be afraid," said the angel, "for you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.

C: "He is not here! He has risen!"

M: "Do not be afraid," says the Son of God. "I am the First and the Last, the Living One! I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!"

C: "And I hold the keys of death and the afterlife."

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

All sing: Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; (CW 341)
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

M: O Almighty Creator God, You created life, You had the power to restore Jesus to life, You gave life to me. Surely my life should be spent in service to You! Yet I have often failed to serve You, and have stubbornly resisted Your will for my life.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, for I have sinned! I've failed to love You, I've failed to love my neighbor. Surely I deserve Your punishment both now and forever. Have mercy on me, O God!

M: In wonderful mercy, God did not abandon us, but Jesus came to live for us and to die for us.

C: Jesus' death paid for my sins.

M: But if Christ was not raised, our faith would be futile, we would be trapped in the guilt of sin.

C: But Christ *has* been raised from the dead!

M: Therefore, my brothers and sisters, take heart! Jesus has removed your guilt forever! His death paid for your sins; His resurrection proves it. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

All sing: Crown him the Lord of love— Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

M: I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth!

C: In my flesh – yes, with my own eyes – I will see Him!

M: Where, O death, is your victory, where, O grave, is your sting?

C: Our God has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

M: “In my Father’s house are many rooms. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And I will come back and take you to be with me.”

C: Amen! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: We pray: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord’s resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!



All sing: Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

Be seated

We Listen to God's Word

FIRST LESSON: Jesus Rises From the Dead

From the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

HYMN: **He's Risen, He's Risen** (CW 143 v. 1-4)

All: He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.

Men: The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

Women: But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.

All: Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

SECOND LESSON: Peter and John Race to Jesus' Tomb

From the accounts of Luke and John

HYMN: **This Joyful Eastertide** (CW 160 v. 1, 3)

All sing: This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,
But now is Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

THIRD LESSON: Mary from Magdala Sees the Risen Lord Jesus

From John 20:11-18

HYMN:

His Battle Ended There (CW 146)

All sing: His battle ended there, death was overcome.
Jesus, alive again, wore the victor's crown.
Clearly sin had failed; Goodness had prevailed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dread pow'rs of death and sin had him in their hold.
When Jesus rose again all their plans were foiled.
Jesus lived again, Triumphed over sin.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dead in the grave he lay, mourned by ev'ry friend.
Those dark and fearful days then did reach their end.
God raised him to life, Victor in the strife.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He burst the chains of sin, opened death's dark jail.
God filled him with new life, life that could not fail.
Right before their eyes Jesus did arise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

FOURTH LESSON: The Other Women See Jesus; The Guards are Told to Lie about Jesus' Resurrection

From Matthew 28 and Luke 24

HYMN: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (CW 156 v. 1, 4, 5)

All sing: Awake, my heart, with gladness!
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.



Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er he passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain.
He shatters hell's dark thrall;
I follow him through all.

He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there my cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with me has died
Shall here be glorified."

FIFTH LESSON: Jesus Meets Two Disciples On the Road to Emmaus

From Luke 24:13-35

HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (CW 149 v. 1, 3, 4)

All sing: "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where your victory, O grave?

SIXTH LESSON: Behind Locked Doors (The First Episode)

From Luke 24 and John 20

HYMN: O Sons and Daughters of the King (CW 165 v. 1-4)

All: O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Women: On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(continued...)

Men: An angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: That night the Apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear
And said, "Peace be unto you here":
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SEVENTH LESSON: Behind Locked Doors (The Thomas Episode)

From John 20:24-29

HYMN: O Sons and Daughters of the King (CW 165 v. 5-8)

All: When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,
He doubted that it was the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Men: "Thomas, behold My side, " said He,
"My hands, My feet, My body, see;
And doubt not, but believe in Me":
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Women: No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Blessed are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

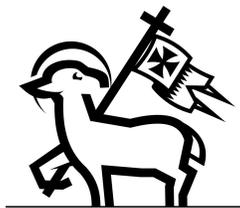
SERMONETTE:

Theme: "Jesus Is Our Eternal High Priest"

Text: Hebrews 7:23-27 (NIV2011)

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.



We Respond to God's Word with Thanks

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

The members of St. Mark's have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Please take a moment to sign our friendship register.

Please stand

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

"Easter Proclamation"

EASTER BLESSING

Minister: "Hallelujah! Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!"

Congregation: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory."

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by His power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the spirit of wisdom to know

- ✘ the hope to which He has called you,
- ✘ the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints,
- ✘ and His incomparably great power for us who believe. (*Eph. 1:17-19*)

And may He preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God's people say, "Amen!"

C: Amen!

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN:

I Know that My Redeemer Lives (CW 152)

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| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head! | 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart. |
| 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high. | <i>(verse 6: Men)</i>
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. |
| <i>(verse 3: Women)</i>
3 He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need. | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there. |
| 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint. | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!" |



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WELCOME!

If this is your first time worshiping with St. Mark's, we pray it will be the first of many times! If you have questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Nitz or one of the members. Materials are available in the entry; take as much as you'd like.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Janet Bitzer (with health concerns)
Sally Carroll (with health concerns)
Kevin Peterson (with health concerns—cancer)
Milo Holderbecker (with health concerns)
Gene Wagner (Brenda's brother, with health concerns)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Early: 70
Late: 143
Total: 213

YOUR GIFTS OF LOVE FOR JESUS

"Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Contributions last week \$4,982
Contributions needed each week \$5,264
Contributions year to date \$58,618
Budget year to date \$63,168
Amount borrowed from savings to meet expenses \$0

SERVING THE LORD AND US

Organist: Joy Holderbecker
Greeters: Chris & Karon Bensen/Loren & Lorraine Paulsen/Ginger Edwards
Communion helpers (April): Bob Boe & Kyle Riess,
TJ Holderbecker & James Quint
Ushers (April): D. Kranich, D. Bentler, I. Bitter, J. Stewart, M. Webb
Church cleaning for 4/7: Kuehn, Jason, Augustine, Nelson

Announcements

ATTENTION: SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

The Sunday School children will be singing at the end of the first church service and the beginning of the second service on April 8 for Pastor's last Sunday. Please have the kids at church by 8:30 a.m. on April 8 so we can practice the song before we sing. We will meet in Room 1 in the basement.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL—APRIL 8TH

Everyone is invited to a farewell dinner for Pastor Nitz and family after the second service next Sunday. Meat, potatoes, and buns will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish (vegetables, fruits, salads, etc.) or dessert. We are also looking for helpers to set up and cook on Saturday, April 7 beginning at noon. Contact Donna Schroeder with questions. A short program is also being planned. Please let Donna or Erin Riess know if you have something for the program.

TIME AND TALENT AUCTION

The Stewardship Board is again sponsoring our annual Time and Talent Auction on Sunday, April 15, 2018 after the 10:30 service. Mark your calendar for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Please consider making a donation to the auction and let the Stewardship Board or Douglas Kranich know what you are donating. For your convenience a donation form has been placed in your mailbox.

HEART SAVER CLASS

The Parish nurses are again planning a Heart Saver class on April 21, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thrivent will be helping with some of the cost. We have been gifted with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and use of that will be in the instruction. Anyone can use the AED; it will not deliver a shock unless it is needed and the machine will tell you exactly what to do. We will be asking for a freewill offering to help defer the cost of the instructor (Thrivent will not pay for that). If you would like to be certified it will be \$20 more. Thrivent will pay for the instruction books and snacks. Please sign up in the narthex. If you have questions talk to Terri Bentler or Donna Schroeder.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 1 (Sun)...	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	8:15-9:45 a.m.	Easter breakfast served
	9:15 a.m.	Easter movie
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Day Worship
Apr 2 (Mon)...		<i>No School</i>
Apr 3 (Tues)...	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	6:00 p.m.	Starting Point #10
Apr 4 (Wed)...	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation class
Apr 5 (Thurs)...	9:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
	6:00 p.m.	All board and committee meetings
	7:15 p.m.	Bible study
	7:45 p.m.	Council meeting
Apr 7 (Sat)...	10:00 a.m.	Jesus Cares
Apr 8 (Sun)...	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Farewell dinner for Pastor Nitz and family

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St. Mark's Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Mark's, are a Christ-centered church family that will **glorify** God, **grow** in His Word, and **go** with it to all.
(1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 3:18, Matthew 28:18-20)