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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SIT

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG ELW p. 146 "Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION HYMN.....Hymn #789 "*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*"

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG.....Hymn #545 "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*"

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 our newest members! Welcome!

THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP LEADERS

INTERIM PASTOR: *Pastor Kathy Brown*
ASSISTING MINISTER: *Di Michalski*
READERS*: Faith Pfeiffer, Di Michalski*
ADULT CHOIR: *Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma*
KIDS CONNECTION: *Pastor Kathy Brown*
SOUND/VIDEO TECHNICIAN: *Art Kotenko*
MUSICIAN: *Deb Black*
GREETER: *Kay & Dave Manderfeld*
HOSPITALITY: *Charlotta Jonsson & Friends*
SACRISTY: *Pat Gallo, Nanette/Markie Hylinski*
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: *Pat Gallo, Todd Woller, Kay Manderfeld, Julie Schmit, Andy Schroeder*

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Saturday, April 20 at 5:00pm & Sunday, April 21 at 9:00am
Fourth 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

TEMPLE TALK

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 #619 "*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*"

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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.
SIT
WORD
FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12 *Pew Bible Page* (pg. 887)
Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24 *Pew Bible Page* (pg. 990-991)
Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.
STAND
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 142 *"Alleluia"*

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 *Pew Bible Page* (pg. 872-873)
The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.
In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.
The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
SIT
SERMON
STAND
HYMN OF THE DAY.....Hymn #764 *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*
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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....Alex, Ava & Ana Geron; Bonnie & Doug Mogensen; Rev. Cliff Schmidt

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 *"Let the Praise Go 'Round"* - WILLIAM BOYCE
Hallelujah!
Sing and rejoice. Praise the Lord.
Let the praise go 'round, Let the praise abound.
Hallelujah!
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.