

EASTER

THE FATHER HAS FORGIVEN US!

Christ is Risen

Pre-service music

Greeting

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

All: Alleluia!

M: Welcome to all this Easter morning! The fact that Jesus rose from the grave assures us that God has forgiven us. May God bless your worship of our risen Savior.

Hymn 147 Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from Your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus, sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn 144 Christ is Arisen

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: **Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn 145 s. 1, 2 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 12:1-6

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We praise the Lord, our God, for he is our salvation. Make known among the nations what he has done.

Hymn 145 s. 3 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 15:51-57

p. 1140

Death has lost its sting. Death holds no power over us. Christ's resurrection means victory for those who trust in him.

Hymn 145 s. 4, 5 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Gospel: John 20:1-18

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The tomb is open. The body of Jesus is gone. Mary Magdalene sees her Savior and witnesses to others concerning the risen Savior.

Hymn 160 This Joyful Eastertide

SERMON TEXT: LUKE 24:44-47

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CHRIST'S GLORIOUS RESURRECTION IS ALL THE PROOF WE NEED.
SPREAD THE STORY TO ALL WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE FATHER!

Hymn 157 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Prayers

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive. He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: Christ is risen. Our sins are forgiven.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: We worship you now and forever. You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us. Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Christ is risen. Our salvation has been won!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord. Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life. Strengthen us through your word. Keep us faithful in worshiping you our Savior.

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: O Triune God, work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Choir: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: 🎵 Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 152 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in Jesus . . . who . . . descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

A dead savior would be no savior. Thank God, my Savior did not remain dead.

Having paid the price for the sins of all, hell could not hold him. Jesus descended into hell—not to suffer but to proclaim his victory. The old serpent could only cower in defeat. Satan could not hold Jesus. The eternal penalty for sin had been paid. Punishment in hell for sin was gone for all who trust in Jesus.

Then Jesus arose from the dead and showed himself alive to his disciples. Before he died, Jesus clearly said that his enemies would kill him but that he would rise up again. On the third day, it happened just as he said. When the disciples saw him on the evening of the resurrection, they were filled with joy. A week later Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God." I too am amazed by the resurrection of Jesus as I confess the words of the creed.

For 40 days Jesus appeared to his disciples. He spoke with them. He ate with them. He appeared to more than five hundred at once. There was no question but that he was alive again. The One who had been delivered for their sins had been raised again to assure them that his work was complete. The disciples had the assurance, as I do, that because Jesus arose from the dead, they too would live beyond the grave.

Eventually, it was time to leave his disciples. In ascending to heaven, Jesus paved the way to the Father's house for all believers and me. Presently, he sits at the right hand of the Father—not in a throne room somewhere in heaven. Rather, his is a position of power and glory whereby he rules all things—and fills all things. My Savior is with me. He lives in me. He guards and protects me at all times. He makes everything serve his good purpose for me.

As Jesus ascended visibly into the clouds of heaven, so he will come back someday to take me to himself. Maybe I will still be alive when he comes. Maybe I will be lying in some grave. Regardless, I will see him come in the clouds of heaven with all his holy angels. I will hear the shout of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. And so shall I ever be with the Lord. This I firmly believe. This I gladly confess.

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Easter Rejoice! Christ is Risen.

Welcome to all our visitors. We extend a warm and sincere welcome. We give you our hand in Christian love, and invite you to hear God's Word with us. May the Good News of salvation through faith in Christ alone be a source of true joy and comfort to all of us!

As you leave this morning you will be greeted at the door with the traditional Easter greeting, "He is risen" – the response being, "He is risen indeed!"

Who We Are St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to make disciples of Christ Jesus, the only Savior from sin and eternal death.

Nursery At St. Mark, we love children and encourage their worship, too! In the foyer, we have some children's busy bags hanging from hooks that you are most welcome to make use of in church. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you're welcome to make use of our nursery. Ask an usher to lead you to the nursery. The service can be watched on a television there. Most of us have or have had young children, so you're with caring people who understand what it's like to have little ones.



Spring Cleaning

The date and time for our annual Spring indoor and outdoor cleaning is Saturday – **April 18th - 8:30 am** until we finish (Rain date is April 25th) Bring lawn rakes, pails, and rags. Cleaning supplies will be at church. A cleaning list will be posted.

This is a great opportunity to work together and show the neighborhood the love we have for our God as we show them how much we care for his house.



SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK: Birthdays -Melissa Blome 4/12, Larry Hans 4/12, Carl Siems 4/13, Caleb Jung 4/18 Anniversary - Jessie & Janine Theiler 4/14

Thank you. We want to thank our St. Mark family for the donations for Harry's medical expenses. It truly is a blessing to us at this time. *Harry & Jeanine Dittmer*



Voters Meeting There is a voters meeting on Friday, April 24th at 7:00 pm.



Lawn Mowers for Sale: Thanks to the generous donations of several members, our church has 2 new mowers! The 2 old mowers that are now for sale include a 21", 5.5 HP self-propelled Snapper with bag and mulch fly (\$100 OBO) and a 42", 14.5 HP Yard Machine riding mower (\$200 OBO). If interested, contact Fred Hansel at 488-9117.



Pastor on Vacation Pastor Raddatz will be out of town after the service today until Friday evening. If you are in need of pastoral care please call one of the elders or in emergency call Pastor Kemnitz from Mount Olive at 484-8711.

Chris Driesbach If you weren't able to attend the Chris Driesbach concert you can watch it on our website at www.stmarkwels.org/video.html and click on videos.

Five Years of Webcasting Five years ago on Easter morning 2004 St. Mark started regularly web casting their worship services on the world wide web. Over the years we have heard from many around the world of their appreciation for hearing the true Word of God from here in Lincoln. Please thank the Lord for the privilege He has given us to spread the Word in the world through this technology. May God continue to bless our efforts in spreading the message of Jesus Christ to all the world.

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This Week at St. Mark

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| Monday | - No School |
| Tuesday | - Church Council 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | - No Catechism |
| Thursday | - PTO 7:00 pm |
| Friday | - Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm |
| Saturday | - Annual Spring Cleaning 8:30 am
- LWMS Spring Rally—Grand Island |



Thank You for Serving!

Elders: Dave Jung (E), Lucas Jung (L)
Ushers: Jim Rehm / Michael Kumwenda (E), Fred Hansel / Paul Dinges (L)
Greeters: Dwayne & Dorothy Burianek (E), Brian Wiles (L)
Video operators: Greg, Barb, Steve and Michael Boggs & Don Niemann
Jr. Ushers: Ryan Henning / Ethan Ripa (E) Mandy Krushenisky / Haily House (L)
Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

Join Us in Studying God's Word

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:20 am Weather or Not
Sunday School for Children ages 3-14: 9:20 am
Women's Bible Class: Friday, April 17 at 1:30 pm—The Beauty of Holiness
World Religions Bible Class: April 20, 7:45 pm Evangelical Lutheran Synod
Financial Bible Class—Heart In Focus, (there is a signup sheet in the foyer)
Families Rooted in Grace: April 28 at 7:00 pm
Lesson five: Rivalry and Reconciliation

In our prayers we remember:



Jill Kanzenbach	Irene Hermann
Harry Dittmer	Stacy Mackenzie
Phil Dinges	Noah Kumwenda

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