

sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and life-giver, the one who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets. And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic church: we confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; we expect the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.

SERMON "I Am Series, Part V: Resurrection and Life"

Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "The Love of God with Oh How He Loves You and Me." Lyndell Leatherman

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN "You, O Christ, are Resurrection" (insert)

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "We Will Glorify"

Twila Paris


*Please stand as you are able

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"I have
hidden 
in my heart
that I might
not sin
against you."

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Reader: Bob Hoffman

God is Still Speaking ...

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."
- Martin Luther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Near the Cross"

William Doane

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, friends, and sit with the One who cares for family and strangers alike.

People: We gather with the One whose love has been poured out for all.

Pastor: Let us bring to him our best and pour out our lives as a gift to him.

People: May our hearts be open to the beauty of Christ's presence as we worship him in spirit and in truth.

* HYMN #512 (Green Hymnal) "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have set us free through your saving grace, yet we confess how we are still bound by pride and arrogance. We seem unable to rid ourselves of habitual sin, finding our old patterns too comfortable and repeatable. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and they make such good companions. Yet we learn, when we turn to you and listen, we are reminded that you are already there. You come into our lives to help us break the bonds of sin and fear, and you give us hope for the journey ahead, calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to live into the fullness of the hope he has come to share.

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

We can put our hope in God, for God offers us a love which never fades and a life which will never end. So be patient my friends, for God will not fail us. God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Day By Day"

Bell Choir

Larry Sue

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

Old Testament Psalm 119: 9 – 16

*Gospel John 11: 17 - 27

* THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*** PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God: the one begotten from the Father before all the ages, light of light, true God of true God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things came into being, who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and became flesh by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became man and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and on the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and

Psalm 119: 9 – 16

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

John 11: 17 – 27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

You, O Christ, Are Resurrection

Sung to the tune of "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette ©2011

You, O Christ, are resurrection
In a world that's filled with pain.
You reach out when we are hurting
And you lift us up again.
Battered women, hungry children,
Lonely people, those in need
Find in you a hope that's living
As they're welcomed, loved and freed.

You, O Christ, are resurrection
When we're caught up in our sin,
When we grieve the road we're traveling,
When we see what might have been.
You give healing and forgiveness
In the place of sin and strife.
Christ, we're drawn to what you give us
Resurrection and new life.

You, O Christ, are resurrection
When a loved one's memories fade,
For you never will forget us
We're the ones you came to save.
Lord, we trust that you will guide us
When each day brings grief and stress;
Living Christ, you walk beside us
Through this shadowed wilderness.

You, O Christ, are resurrection
When an illness takes its toll,
For the promise that you give us
Is that one day we'll be whole.
So we need not fear the future
When the way seems hard to bear;
You will gently guide and lead us
To the place that you prepare.

ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Ken and Charlotte Wengert
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
David Minnich (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Earl Whorley & Heather Whorley
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Jeffrey Clouser
Trudy Berkheimer
John Blanda (Lynn Balmer's brother-in-law)
Ed Olden
Shirley Shaak
Marie DiFava
John Schieber
Trudy Carmany (Becky Colban's cousin)
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Nancy Clouser (Jeff's mother)
Allison Hogebruch (Jeff's sister)
Andrew Scholl (Becky Colban's nephew)
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People of Ukraine
The Victims of War in Israel and Palestine

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR **For the Week of March 17, 2024**

Sunday	Choir Practice – 8:30 AM Koffee Klatsch – 9:30-10 AM and 11-11:15 AM Worship Service – 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM (Conf. Rm) Mission Trip Meeting – after church
Monday	Christian Ed Meeting – 6:30 PM – Deb Follett's Home
Tuesday	Women's Study Group – 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	Bible Study – 10 AM Soup Supper – 6:30 PM Lenten Service – 7 PM
Friday	Youth/Young Adult Game Night
Saturday	Consistory Workshop – 9 AM-2 PM – Fellowship Hall



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by Mr. & Mrs. David Balmer, Jr. and family in memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Lengle, Sr., William Lengle, Jr. and Ralph and Nancy Dechert and Kelly Luciotti.

The flowers on the Communion Table are presented by Gary and Kathy Andrews in memory of Kathy's mother, Dolly Iannicelli, would be her 100th birthday.

The bulletins are presented to the Glory of God by St. Mark's Congregation in honor of Fred Brown's 100th birthday. Happy Birthday Fred.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: April 28. Dates available for bulletins are: April 7 and 28. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Members – Please remember to fill out "We Miss You" postcards to members that have not attended worship. Also, if there are any address or phone changes for the directory – please let the office know. We also need volunteers for Koffee Klatsch table.

Shoe Collection for Halcyon – we are collecting wearable shoes, childrens, mens and ladies. Halcyon earns money for collecting them. The shoes are sent all over the world. Please help by spreading the word and getting everyone to donate shoes you don't wear or need. Thanks, Bish Wolf.

Easter Dinner – Pastor Dave and MJ are hosting Easter Dinner again this year @ 4 PM. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Easter Candy – we are collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Bring candy into the church by March 24th.

2023 Yearbook – is available on the table in the narthex.

Save the Dates:

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service – Holy Communion - 7:30 PM

March 29 – Good Friday Service – 7:30 PM

March 30 – Prayer Vigil – 8 AM – 6:30 AM (Sunday morning)

Egg Hunt – 10 AM – South Hills Park

March 31 – Easter Service and Holy Communion – 10 AM

Easter Dinner – 4 PM (Fellowship Hall)

April 6 - Women's Spring Retreat – 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284

Press* when asked for your attendee pin

