

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(when applicable)*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that *[those to whom you go]* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand

Prayer for Mission *said by all* BCP 366
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
The St. Mark's Hymn Inside back cover of hymnal

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – In thee is gladness J. S. Bach



BAPTIZED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST

at the 5:00 p.m. service

Grady A. Carter
Alex Cruce

2026 Confirmands

youth confirmed at the 5:00 p.m. service

Reddoch Athey Isabelle Bowman Lula Kate Richards
Virginia Beard Mary Claire Kodatt David Trobaugh
Simms Brent Colson McCormick Ava Mae Van Wie

adults confirmed, received, or reaffirmed at the 5:00 p.m. service

Nancy Burrows *reaf* Mary Henderson *conf* Nicky Runnels *conf*
Grady G. Carter *conf* Michael Henderson *conf* Michael Spencer *conf*
Dianna Dell *conf* Chandler Jackson *conf* Barbara Stevenson *reaf*
Luke Douglas *conf* Amanda Kelly *conf* Edgar Timberlake *conf*
Mallory Douglas *conf* Christopher Kelly *rec* Wendy Timberlake *reaf*
Celeste Heller *rec* Daniel Kloos *rec* Will Tutwiler *conf*
Pat Helwig *conf* Libba McKinnon *conf* Caroline Williams *conf*

A special thank you goes those who helped Mallory with youth confirmation this year: Keith Daw and Alex Cain.

Music Notes

Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter, sometimes nicknamed Good Shepherd Sunday since it always features a collect and readings about Jesus as our shepherd and, of course, the beloved 23rd Psalm. Almost all of today's hymns and anthems focus on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, especially the three hymns that and one anthem that use poetic versifications of the 23rd Psalm. Our closing hymn is our own beloved St. Mark's Hymn, since today we are also observing the Feast of St. Mark (April 25), our patron saint.

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from One License lic. #A-732869 and CCLI lic. #20201141.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

GIVING INFORMATION

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →



PLEDGE

To make a 2026 pledge scan QR code →



Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

- Lectors** Leslie Freeman, William Cassidy, Courtney McCormick
- Acolytes** Ann Commander, Sterling Falconetti, Kinley Nelson
- Chalice Bearers** Christine Burkett, Daisy Davidson, Sarah Holyer, Barbara Stevenson
- Ushers** Jack Lockwood, John Falconetti, Rocco Falconetti, Baker Madison, Ben Stewart
- Verger** Downing Nightingale **LEV** Barbara Stevenson
- Altar Guild** Barbara Pickett, Katie Athey, Debbie Fannin, Patti Frykberg, Valerie Goodwin, Judy Lanier, Anne Lee, Ann Scheu
- Flower Guild** Libby Bernard, Lisa Kirkwood, Gay Nightingale

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Frances and Mark Hutto.

**Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.*



St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vision

St. Mark's is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God's world. (Ps 46:4-5)

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God's Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Feast of St. Mark

April 26, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude – Prelude on *St. Columba* H. G. Ley

The Word of God

Please stand

Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
The King of Love my shepherd is (*St. Columba*) Hymnal 645

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for the Feast of St. Mark

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 23 (KJV) *simplified Anglican chant sung by all* *chant: J. W. Meachen*

1 The LORD is my / shepherd; *

I shall not / want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green / pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still / waters.

3 He restoreth my / soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s / sake.

4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no / evil; *

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they / comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine / enemies; *

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth / over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for / ever.

Second Lesson – 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn *sung by all*

My shepherd will supply my need (*Resignation*) Hymnal 664

Holy Gospel – John 10:1-10

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.

Sermon – The Rev. Charlie Holt

Please stand

Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form III BCP 387

Confession BCP 360

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem – Brother James’s Air James Bain, arr. Gordon Jacob

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the Paths of Blessedness, e’en for his own Name’s sake. Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff my comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father’s heart away my dwelling place shall be. And in my heart for evermore thy dwelling place shall be.

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Please stand

Offertory Hymn – The Doxology *sung by all* Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues...

Sanctus *sung by all* *musical setting: Hymnal S 129*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord’s Prayer *said by all* BCP 364

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem *sung by all* *musical setting: Hymnal S 155*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Please be seated

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Anthem – Feed my lambs Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep; in my Name lead them forth gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

Text and music by Natalie Sleeth, based on John 21 and Matthew 25 © Carl Fischer, Inc.

Communion Hymn *sung by all*

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (*St. Agnes*) Hymnal 343

The Lord my God my shepherd is (*Crimond*) Hymnal 663